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Dear Councillor

The next meeting of the **HEALTH AND HOUSING** Committee will be held at **6.30 pm** on **THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST 2023** in the **Council Chamber**.

I do hope you can be there.

Yours sincerely

*M. H. Scott*

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

## AGENDA

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Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary, other registrable or non-registrable interest in respect of matters contained in the agenda.

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Presentation by Jackie Moran

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Electronic agendas sent to members of Health and Housing – Councillor Stuart Hirst (Chairman), Councillor Jan Alcock JP, Councillor Stephen Atkinson, Councillor Anthony (Tony) Austin, Councillor Ian Brown, Councillor Rosemary (Rosie) Elms, Councillor Steve Farmer, Councillor Donna O'Rourke, Councillor John Atherton, Councillor Rachael Ray, Councillor Mary Robinson, Councillor Charles McFall, Councillor Aaron Wilkins-Odudu, Councillor Nicholas Stubbs and Councillor Jonathan Hill.

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## Minutes of Health and Housing

Meeting Date: Thursday, 8 June 2023, starting at 6.30 pm  
Present: Councillor S Hirst (Chair)

Councillors:

J Alcock	D O'Rourke
S Atkinson	M Robinson
T Austin	J Atherton
I Brown	C McFall
R Elms	R Ray
S Farmer	N Stubbs
J Hill	A Wilkins-Odudu

In attendance: Chief Executive, Head of Environmental Health Services, Strategic Housing Officer, Head of Financial Services, Head of Strategic Planning and Housing and Director of Community Resources

### 58 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There was an apology from Councillor D O'Rourke who had advised that she may be late to the meeting.

### 59 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 60 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY, OTHER REGISTRABLE AND NON REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary, other registrable or non-registrable interests.

### 61 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

### 62 BRIEFING ON THE WORK OF THE HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference for the Committee were circulated for Members' information.

The Head of Strategic Planning and Housing and the Head of Environmental Health Services gave resumes of the service areas covered under their remits.

## APPOINTMENT OF WORKING GROUPS

The Chief Executive submitted a report asking Committee to consider the reappointment of the working groups under the remit of the Health & Housing Committee and their membership. The two active working groups under the remit of this Committee were highlighted.

### RESOLVED THAT COMMITTEE:

Approve the continuance of the strategic housing and health and wellbeing partnership working groups for the 2023/24 municipal year, each being made up of five members consisting of two Conservatives, one Liberal Democrat, one Labour and one Independent Group Councillor.

Strategic Housing – Councillors S Hirst, S Atkinson, M Robinson, R Ray and J Atherton

Health and Wellbeing Partnership – Councillors S Hirst, R Elms, M Robinson, R Ray and I Brown

## CAPITAL OUTTURN 2022/23

The Director of Resources submitted a report reviewing the final outturn of the 2022/23 capital programme for this Committee and seeking member approval for the slippage of some capital scheme budgets from the 2022/23 financial year to the 2023/24 financial year.

Members were reminded that the total approved budget for this Committee's capital programme of 10 schemes was £3,581,040. Later in the year the capital programme budget was revised to £1,397,630 in respect of 8 schemes. This followed a review of progress on all schemes in the capital programme and included moving budget of £2,185,460 on 5 schemes into the 2023/24 financial year.

Members were informed that the actual expenditure on this Committee's capital programme was £391,415, which is 28% of the revised estimate budget.

Of the 8 schemes in the revised capital programme 1 was completed in year. The remaining 7 schemes were not completed in-year, however a large proportion of these are ongoing grant schemes. Slippage totalling £1,006,190 from the 2022/23 financial year in to the 2023/24 financial year is requested on these 7 schemes.

### RESOLVED THAT COMMITTEE:

Approve the slippage of £1,006,190 as set out at paragraph 3.4 of the report.

## FPN FINES

The Chief Executive submitted a report seeking approval from committee on the new proposal of setting fine levels for fixed penalty notices within the environmental health department.

Members were advised that currently there was no standard approach adopted for setting fine levels within the environmental health department and this has created disproportionality.

## RESOLVED THAT COMMITTEE:

1. Approve the proposal to set all FPNs issued by the environmental health department to the maximum level allowed at the time of being issued.
2. Approve the proposal that where an FPN payment is made within 14 days, the fine is to be reduced by a quarter (rounded to the nearest pound).

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## PEST CONTROL UPDATE

The Chief Executive submitted a report providing committee with an update of the expansion of the services offered by pest control.

It was noted that the Council's pest contractor will now undertake treatments for:

- Rats
- Mice
- Wasps
- Moles
- Squirrels
- Fleas
- Flies
- Beetles
- Cockroaches

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## EX OFFENDERS ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME

The Director of Economic Development and Planning submitted a report updating members on the Accommodation of Ex-Offenders scheme operating across East Lancashire. This scheme supports ex-offenders into their own Private Rented Sector (PRS) tenancies.

It was noted that the award for the East Lancashire Authorities is:

- 2023/24 - £116,404
- 2024/25 - £116,404

Burnley Borough Council is the lead Authority and they have entered into a service level agreement with the support provider Calico to administer the scheme.

The scheme provides an additional resource to RVBC whereby the Housing team make a referral to Calico as soon as a 'duty to refer,' or any homeless case is received from Probation. Calico will then assist ex-offenders to find suitable accommodation in the private rented sector.

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## HOME UPGRADE GRANT (HUG) SCHEME PHASE 2

The Director of Economic Development and Planning submitted a report to make members aware of the availability of the Home Upgrade Grant (HUG) and to encourage uptake across the Borough. The scheme applies to off mains gas properties.

It was noted that the Borough has a high percentage of off mains gas properties and therefore it is important that residents are aware of the availability of the scheme as

often rural properties are not eligible for grant schemes. The availability of the scheme will be promoted through the Council's website, press releases and Parish Councils.

69 MINUTES OF WORKING GROUPS

Committee noted the minutes of the Strategic Housing working group that took place on 11 April 2023.

70 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Former Councillor David Peat submitted a report relating to the Lancashire Mental Health Partnership Board Consultation on 15 March 2023 and the Lancashire County Council NHS and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee on 22nd March 2023.

71 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That by virtue of the next item of business being exempt information under Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be now excluded from the meeting.

72 UPDATE ON GRANT APPROVALS

The Director of Economic Development and Planning submitted a report informing Committee of recent approvals for Disabled Facilities Grants and Landlord Tenant Grants.

The meeting closed at 7.09 pm

If you have any queries on these minutes please contact the committee clerk, Jenny Martin [jenny.martin@ribblevalley.gov.uk](mailto:jenny.martin@ribblevalley.gov.uk).

## RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

meeting date: THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST 2023  
 title: DOG CONTROL PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER  
 submitted by: MARSHAL SCOTT – CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
 principal author: ANDREW DENT, HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND  
 JAQUI HOULKER, PRINCIPAL POLICY & PERFORMANCE OFFICER

### 1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 That Committee notes the outcome of the recent public consultation and consider the proposed extension of the Dog Control and Dog Fouling Public Spaces Protection Order 2020 for a further period of 3 years.
- 1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:
  - Community Objectives – To make people's lives safer and healthier.
  - Corporate Priorities – Promotes health and wellbeing through supporting healthier communities, businesses and improving personal safety of individuals.
  - Other Considerations – To promote healthier environment and lifestyle.

### 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 On 20 October 2017, the Council made the Ribble Valley Borough Council, Dog Control and Dog Fouling, Public Spaces Protection Order 2017 ("2017 PSPO") to address the problem of dog fouling and problematic dog behaviour across the borough. The PSPO came into effect on 20 October 2017 and expired on 20 October 2020. It was reviewed and extended by the Council until 18 October 2023. A copy of the 2020 PSPO is enclosed as **Appendix 1**.
- 2.2 Section 60 of The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (Act) makes provision for the extension of a PSPO. It provides as follows:
 

*"(1) A public spaces protection order may not have effect for a period of more than 3 years, unless extended under this section.*

*(2) Before the time when a public spaces protection order is due to expire, the local authority that made the order may extend the period for which it has effect if satisfied on reasonable grounds that doing so is necessary to prevent -*

*(a) occurrence or recurrence after that time of the activities identified in the order, or*

*(b) an increase in the frequency or seriousness of those activities after that time.*

*(3) An extension under this section -*

*(a) may not be for a period of more than 3 years*

*(b) must be published in accordance with regulations made by the Secretary of State.*

*(4) A public spaces protection order may be extended under this section more than once."*
- 2.3 Since the PSPO was made, the Council has continued to experience a high volume of complaints about dog fouling. The number and types of complaints which have been received in respect of each part of the PSPO are set out in **Appendix 2**. It is considered therefore that the extension of the PSPO is necessary to prevent the occurrence or reoccurrence of the issues identified when the order was made and to prevent an increase in the frequency or seriousness of those activities.

- 2.4 The Act requires that a full consultation take place. The Council conducted an online public consultation survey from Friday, 23 June 2023 to Monday, 31 July 2023, in which the views of the local community, local interest groups and parish and borough Councillors were sought on whether the existing conditions of the PSPO should continue.
- 2.5 Committee is asked to consider the consultation response.

### 3 ISSUES

#### **Consultation**

- 3.1 The consultation comprised of an online survey published on the Council's website and publicised through press releases and social media.
- 3.2 236 electronic responses were received and these included comments from residents, businesses, and other organisations. The results obtained from the consultation are summarised in the table below whilst a more detailed report is attached at **Appendix 3**.

Table 1 – Summary of Consultation Responses

<b>PROPOSAL</b>	<b>SUPPORT (%)</b>
1 Fouling of land by dogs	97%
2 Means to pick up dog faeces	96%
3 Dogs excluded from certain areas	90%
4 Dogs on leads (Clitheroe Cemetery)	84%
5 Dogs on lead by direction	94%
6 Maximum number of dogs	78%

- 3.3 The main objective of the Dog Control PSPO is to encourage responsible dog ownership and thereby:
- reduce the number of dog related incidents and complaints recorded each year.
  - reduce the impact of dog control management on the resources.

#### **The Proposals and Recommendations**

- 3.4 Committee will note that by not extending the PSPO, the Council would no longer have restrictive powers to deal with dog fouling within the district and no means of enforcement against irresponsible dog ownership.
- 3.5 A main purpose of the PSPO is to strike a balance between the needs of groups, families and sports grounds for recreation and leisure and those using them as public open space, in particular dog walkers.

#### **Proposal 1 – Dog fouling**

**Current position** – under the current PSPO, if a dog defecates upon designated land (any land which is open to the air and to which the public have access) and the owner fails to remove the deposit forthwith, that person shall be guilty of an offence and a fixed penalty notice served.

The public consultation held by Ribbles Valley Borough Council showed a 97% support for this order to remain in place.

It is therefore recommended that the current PSPO be extended for a period of three years, replicating the terms of the existing Order.

## **Proposal 2 – Means to pick up dog faeces**

**Current position** – a person in charge of a dog on land which is open to the air and to which the public have access to, must have with them appropriate means to pick up dog faeces deposited by that dog.

The public consultation held by Ribble Valley Borough Council showed 96% support for this order to remain in place.

It is therefore recommended that the current PSPO be extended for a period of three years, replicating the terms of the existing Order.

## **Proposal 3 - Dogs excluded**

**Current position** – a person in charge of a dog is prohibited from taking it onto land which comprises of any enclosed children's play area, skate park, tennis court, basketball court, bowling green, putting green, sports pitch (es) and/or any other recreational facility.

The public consultation held by Ribble Valley Borough Council showed 90% support for this order to remain in place.

It is therefore recommended that the current PSPO be extended for a period of three years, replicating the terms of the existing Order.

## **Proposal 4 - Dogs on leads**

**Current position** – all dogs must be kept on a lead in Clitheroe Cemetery.

The public consultation held by Ribble Valley Borough Council showed 84% support for this order to remain in place.

It is therefore recommended that the current PSPO be extended for a period of three years, replicating the terms of the existing Order.

## **Proposal 5 - Dogs on lead by direction**

**Current position** – any person in charge of a dog must put and keep the dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer of the Council. This applies to any land to which the public have access and where a dog is considered to be out of control.

The public consultation held by Ribble Valley Borough Council showed 94% support for this order to remain in place.

It is therefore recommended that the current PSPO be extended for a period of three years, replicating the terms of the existing Order.

## **Proposal 6 - Maximum number of dogs**

**Current position** – the maximum number of dogs that can be walked by one person is four. This applies to any land to which the public have access, except with the consent of the person having control of the land.

The public consultation held by Ribble Valley Borough Council showed 78% support for this order to remain in place. Several comments were received suggesting that four dogs are too many for one person to control.

However, it is recommended that the current PSPO be extended for a period of three years, replicating the terms of the existing Order.

### **Making the Order**

- 3.6 It is proposed that the PSPO should be extended for a further 3 years so that it will cease to have effect in 2026 unless reviewed and extended before that time.
- 3.7 As with the existing order, the extended order would not apply to registered blind people, deaf people or people with disabilities who require trained assistance dogs or lack the physical ability to comply with the requirements of the Order.
- 3.8 If the Order is extended, then the requirements for publicity are set out within Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (Public Space Protection Orders) Regulations. The regulations require that where a Local Authority has made a PSPO, they must publish it on its website and erect such notices as it considers sufficient to inform Members of the public that the PSPO has been made and the effect of such an Order.
- 3.9 Any challenge to the PSPO must be made in the High Court by an interested person, within six weeks of it being made. If a challenge is made, the High Court can suspend the PSPO pending the verdict in part, or in totality. The High Court has the ability to uphold the PSPO, quash or vary it. This does not preclude others (such as national bodies) from seeking Judicial Review.

## **4 THE FUTURE**

- 4.1 If new issues arise within the area where a PSPO is in force, we may vary the terms of the Order at any time providing that we follow the procedures as set out in statutory guidance.
- 4.2 Under the extended order as with the existing order it will be an offence for a person, without reasonable excuse to:
  - do anything that is prohibited by a PSPO; or
  - fail to comply with a requirement imposed under a PSPO.
- 4.3 Breaches may result in the service of a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN); failure to pay the FPN may result in prosecution.
- 4.4 It is proposed that officers authorised to enforce these restrictions will include both Police and Council Officers and it is likely that we will be required to work closely with the Police to help to ensure appropriate controls.
- 4.5 Council Officers will have delegated authority from the Chief Executive at Ribble Valley Borough Council.

## **5 RISK ASSESSMENT**

- 5.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:
  - Resources – monitoring and enforcement of the PSPO will be undertaken by existing staff as part of their daily duties. Costs will be incurred for erecting new signage throughout the borough.
  - Technical, Environmental and Legal - The Director of the Chief Executive's Department has delegated power to take action under the relevant parts of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act and to authorise such other relevant officers to take action under the Act. Authorised officers will proceed to court proceedings where such action is considered proportionate and in line with the Council's Enforcement Policy.

- Political – None.

- Reputation – Improved public safety will enhance the Council's reputation.
- Equality & Diversity – No implications identified.

## **6 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

- 6.1 Having regard to the provisions of Section 60 of the Act, approve the extension of the 2020 PSPO for another three years as set out in this report.
- 6.2 Authorise the Chief Executive to make the Order.

ANDREW DENT  
HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

MARSHAL SCOTT  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

For further information please ask for Andrew Dent, extension 4470 or Jaqui Houlker, extension 4421

## **Public Spaces Protection Order**

### **Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014**

### **Ribble Valley Borough Council Dog Control and Dog Fouling Public Spaces Protection Order 2017 (as extended 2020)**



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Notice is hereby given that Ribble Valley Borough Council ("the Council") in exercise of its powers under Section 60 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ("the Act") and under all other enabling powers has extended the **Ribble Valley Borough Council Dog Control and Dog Fouling Public Spaces Protection Order 2017 for a period of 3 years**

1. This Order applies to the public places described in the Schedules to this Order and shown edged in red on the plans attached - ("the restricted areas").
2. The Council is satisfied on reasonable grounds that doing so is necessary to prevent:
  - (a) occurrence or recurrence of the activities identified in the order, or
  - (b) an increase in the frequency or seriousness of those activities.
3. This Order will come into force on the **19 October 2020** and ends on **18 October 2023** unless extended by further Orders under the Council's statutory powers.

#### **BY THIS ORDER**

4. The effect of the Order is to extend duration of the following prohibitions and/or requirements in the restricted areas at all times:
  - (i) **Fouling of Land by Dogs**
    - a) If a dog defecates at any time on land in the restricted area detailed in Schedule 1 of this Order and the person who is in charge of the dog at the time fails to remove the faeces from the land forthwith, that person shall be guilty of an offence unless:
      - (i) that person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
      - (ii) the owner/occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to that person failing to do so; or
      - (iii) that person is subject to the exemptions listed in Schedule 1
    - b) For the purpose of this article:
      - (i) a person who habitually has a dog in their possession is taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.
  - (ii) **Means to Pick up Dog Faeces**

- a) A person in charge of a dog on land in the restricted area detailed in Schedule 2 must have with them appropriate means to pick up dog faeces deposited by that dog unless:
  - (i) that person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
  - (ii) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to that person doing so; or
  - (iii) that person is subject to the exemptions listed in Schedule 2
- b) The obligation in Article 4 (ii) (a) is complied with if, after a request from a constable or authorised officer, the person in charge of the dog produces an appropriate means to pick up dog faeces.
- c) In this article, "an authorised officer" means a person who is authorised in writing by the Council for the purpose of giving directions under this article.

### **(iii) Dogs Excluded**

- a) A person in charge of a dog is prohibited from taking that dog onto, or permitting the dog to enter or to remain on land within the restricted area referred to in Schedule 3 of this Order unless:
  - (i) that person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
  - (ii) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to that person doing so; or
  - (iii) that person is subject to the exemptions listed in Schedule 3
- b) For the purpose of this article:
  - (i) a person who habitually has a dog in their possession is taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.

### **(iv) Dogs on Lead by Direction**

- a) Any person in charge of a dog, at any time, must put and keep the dog on a lead when directed to do so in the restricted area detailed in Schedule 4, unless:
  - (i) that person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
  - (ii) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to that person failing to do so; or
- b) For the purpose of this article:
  - (i) a person who habitually has a dog in their possession is taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog;
  - (ii) a constable or authorised officer of the Council may only give a direction under this article to put and keep a dog on a lead if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog likely to cause annoyance or disturbance

- to any other person or the worrying or disturbance of any other animal or bird on any land to which this article applies;
- (iii) in this article, "an authorised officer of the Council" means a person who is authorised in writing by the Council for the purpose of giving directions under this article.

## **(v) Dogs on Leads**

- a) Any person in charge of a dog, at any time, must put and keep the dog on a lead in the restricted area detailed in Schedule 5, unless:
- (i) that person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
  - (ii) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to that person failing to do so;
- b) For the purposes of this article:
- (i) a person who habitually has a dog in their possession is taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.

## **(vi) Maximum number of Dogs**

- (a) A person in charge of more than one dog shall be guilty of an offence if at any time, he takes onto any land in respect of which this Order applies, more than 4 in the area detailed in Schedule 6, unless:
- (i) he has reasonable excuse for doing so; or
  - (ii) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his doing **so**.
- (b) For the purposes of this article a person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.

## **5. PENALTY**

- i) Any person who fails without reasonable excuse to comply with any of the requirements or prohibitions at Articles 4(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) in this Order shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 (currently £1000) on the standard scale.

## **6. Fixed Penalty**

A constable or authorised person of the Council may issue a fixed penalty notice to anyone he or she believes has committed an offence. A person committing an offence will have 14 days to pay the fixed penalty of £100, failing which they may be prosecuted.

## **7. Appeals**

Any challenge to this Order must be made at the High Court by an interested person within 6 weeks of it being made. An interested person is someone who lives in, regularly works in or visits the restricted area. This means that only those who are

directly affected by the restrictions have the power to challenge. The right to challenge also exists where an order is varied by the Council.

Interested persons can challenge the validity of the Order on two grounds: that the Council did not have the power to make the Order or to include particular prohibitions or requirements; or that one of the requirements of the legislation, for instance consultation, has not been complied with.

When an application is made, the High court can decide to suspend the operation of the Order pending the Court's decision, in part or in totality. The High Court has the ability to uphold the Order, quash it, or vary it.

Dated this 19th day of October 2020

**THE COMMON SEAL of  
RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

was hereto affixed in the presence of:



S. M. Brunsell

Mayer

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Marshall Scott

Chief Executive

## **RESTRICTED AREAS**

### **SCHEDULE 1**

- 1) Subject to the exception in paragraph 2 below, all land which is in the administrative area of Ribble Valley and which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment).

- 2) Exemptions

Nothing in this Schedule applies to a person who:

- a) is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under Section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or
- b) has a disability which affects that person's mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon which that person relies for assistance.

- 3) Each of the following is a "prescribed charity":

- i) Dogs for the Disabled (registered charity number 700454).
- ii) Support Dogs (registered charity number 1088281).
- iii) Canine Partners for Independence (registered charity number 803680).
- iv) Canine Dogs (registered charity number 803630).
- v) Dog Aid (registered charity number 1098169).
- vi) Dogs for Good (registered charity 10929620).
- vii) Guide Dogs (registered charity 209617).
- viii) Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (registered charity 293358).
- ix) Medical Detection Dogs (registered charity 1124533).
- x) Support Dogs (registered charity 1088281).
- xi) The Seeing Dogs Alliance (registered charity 1156790).

### **SCHEDULE 2**

- 4) Subject to the exception in paragraph 5 below, all land which is in the administrative area of Ribble Valley and which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment).

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- vi) Dogs for Good (registered charity 10929620).
- vii) Guide Dogs (registered charity 209617).
- viii) Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (registered charity 293358).
- ix) Medical Detection Dogs (registered charity 1124533).
- x) Support Dogs (registered charity 1088281).
- xi) The Seeing Dogs Alliance (registered charity 1156790).

### **SCHEDULE 3**

- 1) This Order applies to any land within the administrative area of Ribble Valley which comprises of any enclosed children's play area, skate park, tennis court, basketball court, bowling green, putting green, sports pitch(es) and/or any other recreational facility.

- 2) Exemptions

Nothing in this Schedule applies to a person who:

- (a) is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under Section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or
- (b) is deaf, in respect of a dog trained by Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (registered charity number 293358) and upon which that person relies for assistance (dogs must be clearly marked as assistants); or
- (c) has a disability which affects that person's mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon which that person relies for assistance (dogs must be clearly marked as assistants).

- 3) Each of the following is a "prescribed charity":

- (i) Dogs for the Disabled (registered charity number 700454).
- (ii) Support Dogs (registered charity number 1088281).
- (iii) Canine Partners for Independence (registered charity number 803680).
- (iv) Canine Dogs (registered charity number 803630).
- (v) Dog Aid (registered charity number 1098169).
- (vi) Dogs for Good (registered charity 10929620).
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- (xi)** The Seeing Dogs Alliance (registered charity 1156790).

### **SCHEDULE 4**

- 1) Subject to the exception in paragraph 2 below, all land which is in the administrative area of Ribble Valley and which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment).

- 2) Exemptions

None

#### **SCHEDULE 5**

- 1) This order applies to all land at Clitheroe Cemetery, Waddington Road, Clitheroe, Lancashire (as shown outlined in red on the attached plan).
- 2) Exemptions  
  
None

#### **SCHEDULE 6**

- 1) Subject to the exception in paragraph 2 below, all land which is in the administrative area of Ribble Valley and which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment).
- 2) Exemptions  
  
None.

**Complaints about dogs**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Dog fouling</b>	38	164	125	84	100	68
<b>Dogs on leads</b>	1	2	6	2	0	1
<b>Dogs on lead in Cemetery</b>	2	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Dog exclusion zone</b>	0	1	1	0	1	0



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# **Ribble Valley Borough Council Consultation on Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order 2023**

## **REPORT**

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## Methodology

The Public Spaces Protection Order Survey was set up as an online survey. The link to the survey was published on the Council's website and publicised through press releases and social media.

The online survey was launched on Friday, 23 June 2023 and closed at 11:45pm on Monday, 31 July 2023, paper copies were also available from reception at the Council Offices.

In total 236 responses were received (234 electronic responses and two paper copies were received).

One letter was received by the Environmental Health section, and two emails received into the Survey inbox as a response to the consultation. These have been included in Appendix A.

## Profile of respondents

### ***Are you a Ribble Valley resident?***

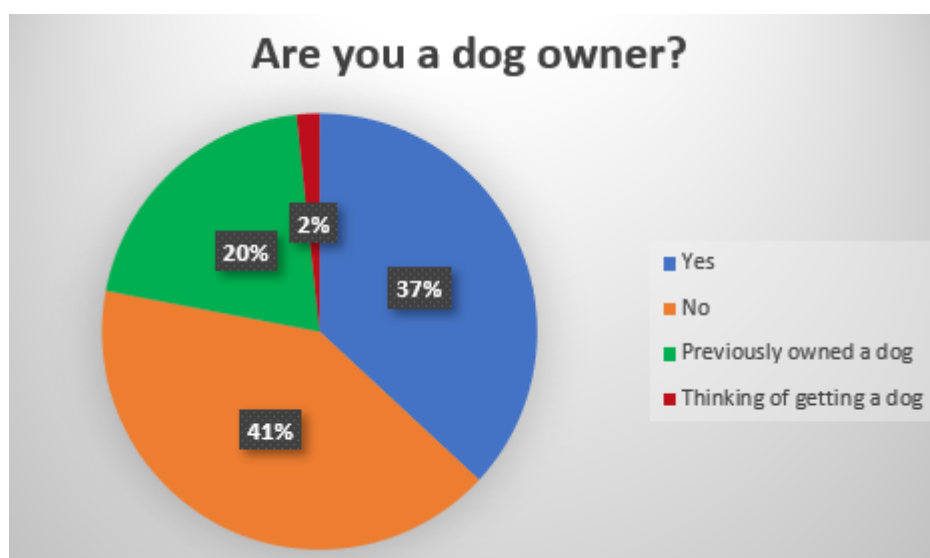
236 people responded to this question.

235 respondents were Ribble Valley residents (99.6%). With only one respondent not a Ribble Valley resident.

### ***Are you a dog owner?***

236 responses were received for this question.

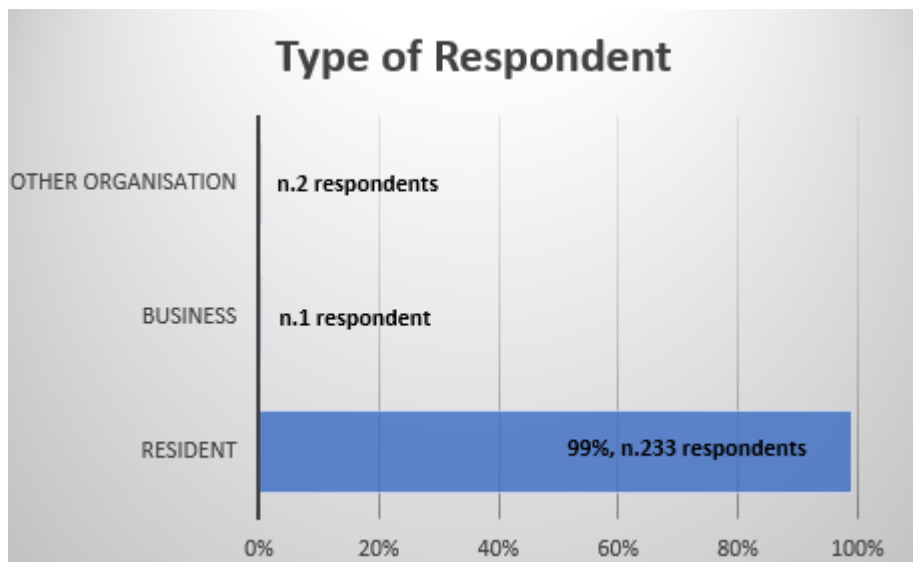
37% (n.87) of the respondents were dog owners, a further 41% (n.97) weren't dog owners, 20% (n.48) had previously owned a dog, and 2% (n.4) were thinking of getting a dog.



### ***Are you responding to this consultation as a resident, a business, or an organisation?***

236 responded to this question. All responses are anonymous.

Most respondents were residents 99% (n.233) rather than businesses (n.1) or representing other organisations (n.2).



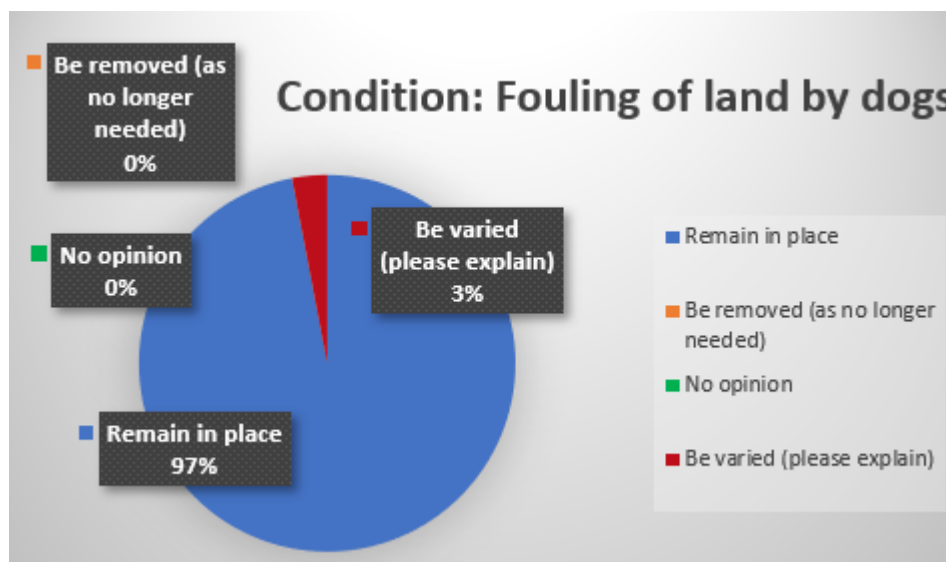
## The Results

### ***Fouling of land by dogs***

*It is a condition that dog owners or the person in charge of a dog are required to remove faeces (dog mess) from any land which is open to the air and to which the public have access. Do you think that this condition should:*

- Remain in place 97% (n.228)
- Be removed (as no longer needed) 0% (n.1)
- No opinion 0% (n.1)
- Be varied (please explain)? 3% (n.6)

236 people responded to this question. 97% replied that they think this should remain in place.



3% (n.6) respondents felt that there should be a variation, and provided the following verbatim comments:

- I would restrict this to rights of way and pavements.
- Option to flick or cover out of harm's way.

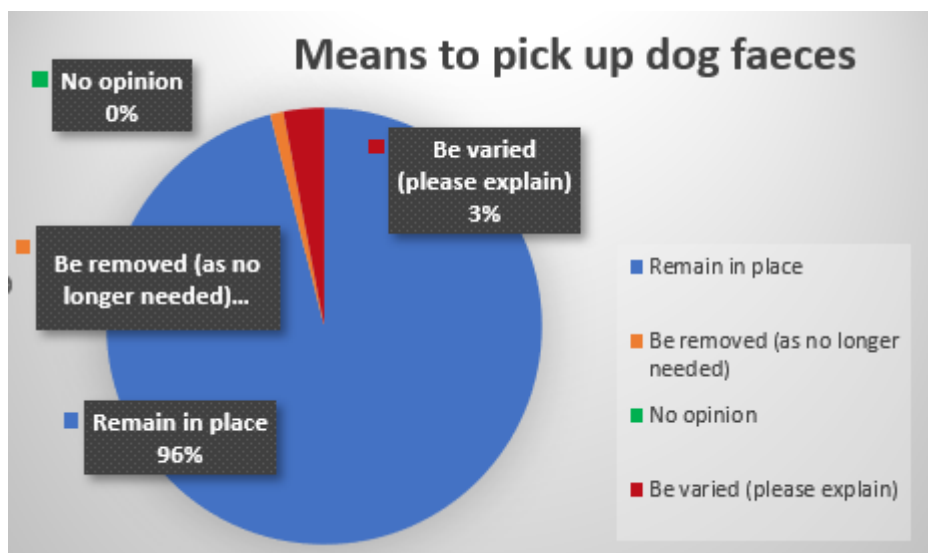
- Need to add something to stop full poo bags left on ground, stuffed in walls, or hung on trees.
- It should include the requirement to place the dog fouling bag in a proper bin or take it home. People should be fined for throwing bags of dog faeces into hedgerows or borders.
- Remain in place but also what about livestock in fields? Dog mess is a danger to them, especially the poo bags. Dog mess should be picked up at all times when out in public.
- From any land that is open to the air and public have access - is very broad and there are some circumstances that dog poo cannot be collected. If a dog is off lead and runs into woods or long undergrowth covered in nettles you can't pick it up. Areas should be listed.

## ***Means to pick up dog faeces***

*This requires a person in charge of a dog on land which is open to the air and to which the public have access to have with them appropriate means to pick up dog faeces deposited by that dog. Do you think that this condition should:*

- Remain in place 96% (n.228)
- Be removed (as no longer needed) 1% (n.1)
- No opinion (0% (n.0)
- Be varied (please explain)? 3% (n.6)

236 people responded to this question. Most respondents (96%) answered that they think this should remain in place.



3% (n.6) of respondents felt that there should be a variation and provided the following verbatim explanations:

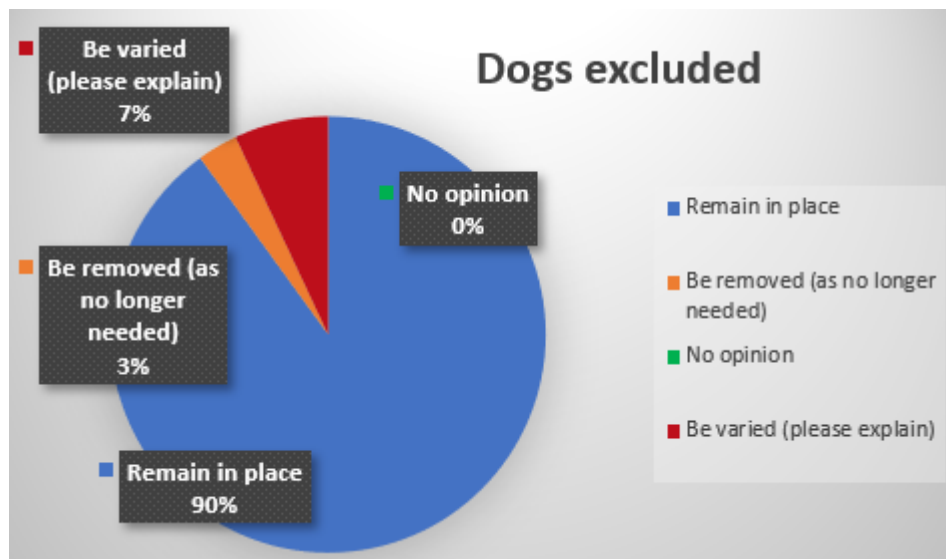
- Pick up in parks and open grass. Stick and flick in path with hedge (we have enough plastic, and it won't break down in plastic).
- I would enforce on roads pavement and rights of way
- Major routes should have a take a bag/leave a bag option so those who are caught in a situation without one have as many chances as possible to pick up after their dog.
- In theory yes this is warranted. It would be good to see some bag provision in public parks. There are times people forget or don't take enough. Or maybe in the cafe in the park. For emergencies.
- I find this a difficult point and intrusive to be asked to provide evidence that someone has the means - it's overreach. The offence should be in failing to deal with the mess
- To include it is an offence to throw the bag of dog faeces anywhere other than a designated bin.

## Dogs excluded

*Dogs are excluded from fenced play areas set aside for children and other sports pitches. The full list is outlined in the Order. Do you think this condition should:*

- Remain in place 90% (n.213)
- Be removed (as no longer needed) 3% (n.6)
- No opinion 0% (n.0)
- Be varied (please explain)? 7% (n.16)

236 people responded to this question. The majority of respondents (90%) answered that they think this should remain in place.



7% (n.16) of respondents felt that there should be a variation and provided the following verbatim explanations for the variation:

- Dogs on a tight leash should be allowed around the edge of the area to allow single adults with children and a dog be near the children playing on the area. The dogs should not be allowed into the central areas of play and dogs should be removed if the animal needs to toilet (owners tend to know when this is needed).
- This should not just be fenced play areas, for example in Salesbury the large grass area and the church needs to be protected. As a dog owner I am fed up with dogs running up to us or seeing mess left. Any size dog can be on an extendable lead giving some control but not to run free.
- Ribchester field day way confusing. I was told the dog was allowed before arriving and on the day was told this was not allowed. My dog stayed on his lead. Normally on this field I would not let him off unless it is empty.
- Should be allowed to walk round sports pitch fields, all the green areas are getting built up.
- Allowed on short (not extending) leads only. Some families like to support children playing sport or call at playgrounds when out walking.
- Exercising of dogs off lead, on extendable leads or long ropes should continue to be banned.
- The original order was too wide ranging. Parents should be able to take their dog and children to a play area. Only the area close to children's play equipment should be covered. On my area a large field, rarely used by children was included.
- Dogs should not be allowed in any parks or public spaces without a lead in high peak times e.g., dogs should be on leads in public at all times during April to Oct for example. This is

especially relevant at places of high use in summer such as down at Edisford river bank. Designated fenced areas for dogs to be exercised off leads must be created. The risk of significant harm and/death from the rise in untrained dogs is increasing.

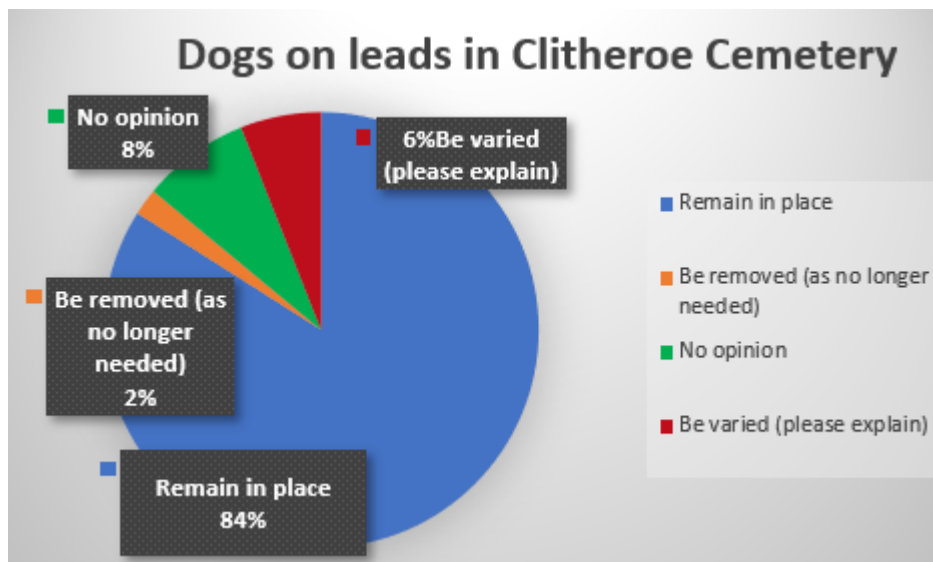
- Sports pitches are often not used but regularly used by dog walkers, most of whom pick up litter whilst walking dogs. Full access should be allowed as long as not intruding directly onto a pitch
- If the first two are adhered to, this isn't needed. However, I understand why dogs should not be loose whilst children or sports are being played. When the sports ground isn't busy with football etc though everyone should be able to use it. In lots of places this is the only green space for a few miles.
- There are public places within the Castle Grounds where dogs should be kept on leads. Extensive effort has gone into the gardens, the Remembrance area, the Cafe, the Jubilee bed, the Rockery and more. It is disheartening to find newly planted areas fouled by dogs, and even worse to be planting or weeding and come across piles of dog dirt. As in the Cemetery these areas should be off limits, they enhance the Castle Grounds and are there for enjoyment of all of the public. The Castle has become the public toilet for the Clitheroe dog population and although responsible owners are in the majority, it is the minority who sway opinion. The excuse "I pay my Council Tax" is not an acceptable answer to the damage caused by excited canines. It has become the norm to let the dog off the lead at the Castle Gate and retrieve it when leaving the Grounds. The Castle Field is the only area which should be exempt.
- It can be hard to take our daughter to a play area when we have the dog with us. It would be useful if there was a designated area for dog owners to enter a play area and keep the dog on the lead.
- QE playing field belongs to the people of Whalley and dogs should be allowed on here - obviously off the sports area - lots of new houses and dogs and nowhere to walk otherwise
- Dogs should be allowed onto other sports pitches if the owners of said pitches give their permission.
- Well controlled dogs not an issue.
- I would like to see this extended to all areas of the castle park, I have had two very intrusive incidents involving dogs out of control. The first was when sat in the area previously known as the Rose Garden, I was sat with my young grandchild on a bench enjoying a homemade sandwich when a lady with two dogs off leads approached us the first dog took a bite from my grandchild's sandwich, the lady was unaware as she was some distance in front. When I shouted to her and told her she said, "well you shouldn't be sat there eating". She continued on, and the second dog then returned and took the rest of the sandwich.
- Second incident, I was myself sat on a bench just through the main gates of the castle eating a sandwich and a man came past riding his cycle and his dog following off lead. I had purchased some cooked meat which was next to me on the seat in a carrier bag and the dog sniffed the bag put its head in and started eating the meat. I shouted to the man he just turned and laughed. Sadly, now many dog owners are not fully in control of their dogs, and they appear to think any behaviour is acceptable. I have had two dogs myself and would never have them off lead in such areas, especially where there will be children, the castle grounds is not an acceptable place to exercise a dog off lead.
- Well-behaved dogs on short leads should be allowed on sports grounds (but not on the pitch). For example, I enjoy watching local amateur football and my dog would be well behaved. Similar to farmers fields I always make sure my dog has done his business and collected up by me before I let him loose. Responsible owners should not be restricted by the minority fee.

## Dogs on leads

*Dogs must be on a lead in Clitheroe Cemetery. Do you think this condition should:*

- Remain in place 84% (n.196)
- Be removed (as no longer needed) 2% (n.5)
- No opinion 8% (n.20)
- Be varied (please explain)? 6% (n.15)

236 people responded to this question. The majority of respondents (84%) answered that they think this should remain in place.



6% (n.15) of respondents felt that there should be a variation and provided the following verbatim explanations for the variation:

- Dogs should be on a lead in all public areas except dog fields. Many owners have no recall over their dogs. I have been approached by many dogs in Brungerley Park for instance, and even had dogs jump up at me putting muddy paws on me with a response "it's just being friendly". This puts me off attending walks provided by RVBC because of so many dogs not under control.
- This must be all cemetery in the RV not just Clitheroe.
- Other public cemeteries in the Borough should be added, e.g., Whalley, Wiswell & Barrow.
- I've never been but my dog runs around Ribchester cemetery.
- Dogs should be on Leads in all public places, not just the cemetery.
- Should also apply to all cemeteries in RVBC.
- Extend this to all public places.
- I would like dogs to be on a lead in all of the public parks where small children are walking/playing. I regularly see strange dogs off the lead run up to toddlers/small children or prams/pushchairs and knock them over at the Castle, and I think that this is selfish on the part of the dog owners.
- Should apply to all public spaces. Dog owners are not always in control of their dogs and allow them to run loose and sometimes jump up at other pedestrians. It's not acceptable to say "He won't hurt you he's just being friendly" - some people are afraid of dogs, and I feel at present dog owners have taken over our public spaces to the detriment of the rest of us.
- I think dogs should be kept on a lead in the Castle grounds. Since the pandemic there has been a rise in antisocial dog behaviour nationally and locally. The Castle grounds have become

intimidating to walk through at times. If the dogs could be put on leads when just on the footpaths through the park this would be an improvement. There are many many people who are nervous around dogs, and this must be understood and considered so they are not excluded from parks.

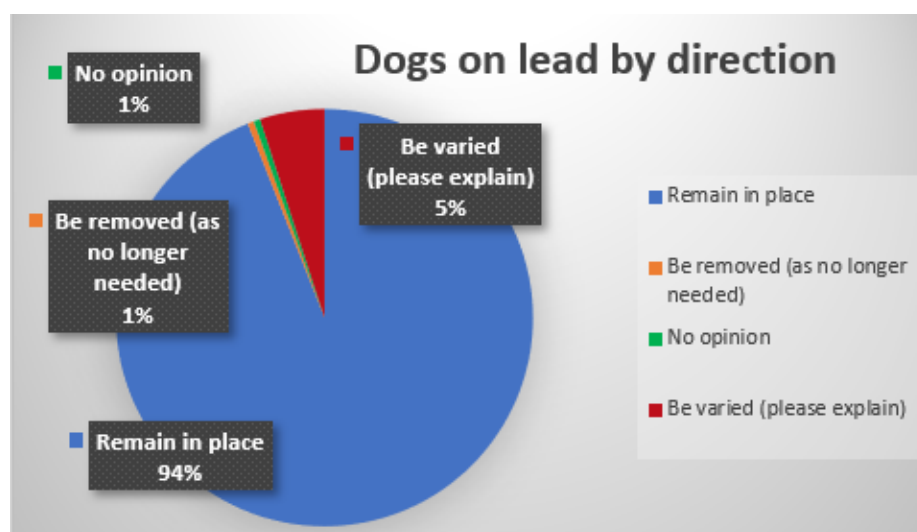
- Should be on leads in all public spaces including parks, cemeteries, and public footpaths.
- Dogs should be on leads in ALL public spaces.
- I think dogs should be on a lead in all public spaces or spaces where the public have access.
- I don't feel that it's appropriate to have dogs in a cemetery at all.
- Would you like a dog reposting its mess on your relative's grave?

### ***Dogs on lead by direction***

*It is a condition that dog owners put their dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer. This applies to any land to which the public have access and where a dog is considered to be out of control. Do you think this condition should:*

- Remain in place 94% (n.223)
- Be removed (as no longer needed) 0.5% (1)
- No opinion 0.5% (n.1)
- Be varied (please explain)? 5% (n.11)

236 people responded to this question. The majority of respondents (94%) answered that they think this should remain in place.



5% (n.11 – includes the choice be varied but no comment was made) of respondents felt that there should be a variation and provided the following verbatim explanations for the variation:

- Dogs should be on leads at all times unless on a dog field, dog park or specified dog walking area. Too many dog owners do not have recall over their dogs.
- Any public places dogs should be on leads. We have our dogs on leads and constantly pestered by other dogs. Make this clear if you are in the Ribble Valley your dog is on a lead, even an extendable lead.
- I am not sure about this condition. I know that dogs need to run about, but I feel that a dog should be on a lead in any space where a member of the public might be. When I am out walking, I often have dogs run up to me, which I don't like as they sometimes jump up and can be quite boisterous. It once happened to me when I was recovering from an operation, and it hurt when the dog jumped up on me. You also end up with dirty paw prints on you. Fortunately,

so far all of them have been friendly, but one day, one might not be. I do think that owners should put their dog on a lead when directed, however, it would be unlikely that an authorised officer would actually be stood there when required. That would surely be unmanageable.

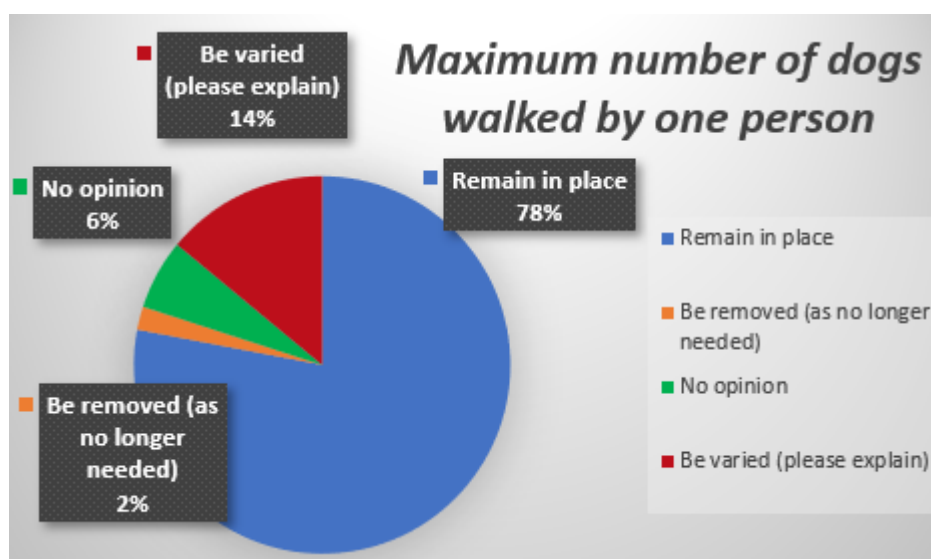
- *No comment made.*
- Dogs should be put on a lead when asked by anyone.
- This should only apply where a dog is 'considered to be out of control' and not be applied to dogs that are well controlled.
- Depends on how out of control is defined.
- Dogs should remain on a lead in public spaces. You never know how a dog may react even if the dog usually has a good temperament. There could be dedicated areas where dogs can be off lead.
- Having just been bitten by a dog on the roadside I think dogs should be on a lead in all public spaces without having to be told to put them on a lead.
- This should not be restricted to an authorised officer. All dogs should be on a short lead in public spaces or spaces where the public have access. It is very unlikely that an authorised officer will happen to be there when a dog is out of control.
- I feel that dogs should be on a lead at all times when in a public place. Perhaps there should be specific dogs exercise areas where they can come off lead.

### ***Maximum number of dogs***

*The maximum number of dogs that can be walked by one person is four (this applies to any land to which the public have access, except with the consent of the person having control of the land). Do you think this condition should:*

- Remain in place 78% (n.183)
- Be removed (as no longer needed) 2% (n.5)
- No opinion 6% (n.14)
- Be varied (please explain)? 14% (n.34)

236 people responded to this question. The majority of respondents (78%) answered that they think this should remain in place.



14% (n.34) of respondents felt that there should be a variation and provided the following verbatim explanations for the variation:

- I think 4 dogs is too many.
- Business' such as k9 ribble valley walk up to 6 dogs
- Should be less than 4 as dog walkers (professional ones) never seem to have control over 4 random dogs, 4 dogs running towards me and my one dog, are quite intimidating and can be threatening in a pack. How can they keep an eye on what four dogs are all doing when they scatter in diff directions
- Sometimes 4 is too many especially dog walkers with dogs that aren't familiar with each other.
- Reduce to 3. Many dog walkers cannot control 4 dogs.
- I feel reduced to two. As is often the case, this is a bit blunt, but unavoidable, some dog walkers are in total control of 4, others due to the training of the particular animals and their own stature are pulled every which way.
- I think this needs thinking about. I am not a dog owner, but surely it depends on the breed and age. As a member of the public, I would be less concerned about passing someone who was walking six elderly tea cup breeds then someone who was walking two young adult pit bulls.
- Provided they are on a lead, no need for a limit of 4.
- This might need to be varied depending on the size, type and power of the dogs.
- I think four dogs (particularly if large, strong breeds) is too many for one person to adequately control on their own, and this number should be reduced.
- I agree with this for dog walking companies, but if the person owns more than 4 dogs, they should be able to walk them all together.
- Should be maximum of 3 if a person tries to control 4 Alsatian's for instance, they would not stand a chance.
- This should be changed due to the increase in "muscle dogs" owners are not able to manage 4 of these types of animals.
- Four dogs is too greater number to keep under control and at the same time pick up faeces. The number should reduce to two.
- As an owner of two dogs, I think this number is enough for one person to be in full and safe control of at any one time. This may well be contentious but four is too many, 'imo', in the event of one or other, or all, needing to be controlled. A reduction to a maximum of three would be a step in the right direction.
- I think that this should only apply in areas where there is a large amount of people in a small space.
- I think that maximum should be two. The reason is that when picking up the dog poo, it is necessary to transfer all of the leads to one hand (so you can use the other to pick up properly). Unless all four dogs are small, I don't think that it is possible to control four dogs in one hand whilst bending down and doing the necessary with the other.
- Depends on size of dogs.
- Be reduced to a maximum of two.
- This number should be reduced. Given the increase of persons starting dog walking as a form of employment the number of people walking multiple dogs is likely to increase significantly. Four dogs being walked by one person is a lot to manage and it is likely that at some point the Walker will lose control.
- I think this should be less. One person can't safely control 4 dogs in a public place.
- Should be 3 dogs max.
- This could be seen as an exception for professional dog walkers who look after and walk other people's dogs. The person in question should have to be holding a certain amount of poo bags, for each dog, on each walk.
- May be their business to walk dogs. Any number should be ok if all on leads and under control.
- While the maximum number of dogs that can be walked by one person is 4, I have seen instances where more than one person is walking together, and I have seen eight dogs in a group.
- Should be 2 only. There are too many dogs filling the pavements in the town centre.
- Two is enough for one person.
- It is very difficult to supervise 4 dogs at once, impossible if they are off the lead resulting in fouling and risk to other persons on their own or with dogs. Ideally it should be two dogs but three is a sensible compromise.
- Maximum dogs can be 4 if they are manageable/ well behaved. I often see people walking more than 4. If the dogs are not manageable then this number should be lower, more like 2.

- It should be lowered. One person cannot hope to contain four dogs if they scatter.
- As long as the dogs are well behaved, and the Walker has control of them I don't think they should be limited to 4.
- Depends on breed of dog and behaviour.
- It depends on the type of dogs. Four pit bulls is too many for one person.
- Restrict to 3.

## ***Any other ideas or comments?***

*Do you have any other ideas on how we can improve dog control in Ribble Valley? Please let us know your ideas.*

60% (n.142) respondents made comment to this question. Please see Appendix A for all the verbatim comments received.

The following is a snap shot of some of the verbatim responses received collated by subject area:

### **Dog Wardens**

- More dog wardens and more visibility of said wardens. As a dog owner I'd be happy to see all dogs needing to be on leads in public spaces. In an ideal situation there would be off lead areas available that were secure.
- Rigorous enforcement rather than polite requests is far more likely to keep RV clean.
- More dog wardens on patrol. On the spot fines.

### **Bins**

- Better access to dog poop bins should be made. For example, one was removed from Copperfield Close when full (rather than being emptied) and the bin was not replaced. This leads to certain minded individuals to just dump poop bags (full) rather than putting them in a designated bin. If Ribble Valley wants cooperation from dog owners, they should play their own part in this and act as a partnership in these matters.
- More dog poop bins are needed particularly in popular walking spots such as Pimlico Road near the bridge to Moorland school, by Brungerley Bridge
- More enforcement of current legislation. Provision of more bins in popular dog walking areas (consult with parish councils for placement). All current dog waste and general waste bins to be maintained properly i.e., repaired where lids are missing (e.g., Copster Green), replaced with larger bins where needed e.g., Salesbury common, Wilpshire Hotel traffic lights.

### **Dog Leads**

- Dogs on leads at all times unless in specific dog walking areas, dog fields etc. Many public places in Clitheroe are taken over by dogs off leads with no recall by owner which makes it inhospitable to those who do not want dogs approaching them or jumping on them.
- Make extendable leads illegal, seen many dogs on leads way too long on pavements along main roads and running in front of pedestrians and cyclists.
- No loose dogs at any time. Leads to be used at all times especially across fields.

### **CCTV**

- CCTV at known trouble spots. Publish details monthly of the amount of fines issued in this regard. Make it an offence not to dispose of used poo bags responsibly.
- Security cameras in the worse effected areas.
- Utilisation of CCTV particularly in Castle Park where it is already in place. Hidden cameras along Woone Lane where there is dog mess literally everywhere

**Public Notices / enforcement**

- The fines that are given out should be more widely publicised in order to ensure more dog owners are abiding by the rules to keep our area clean.
- Please provide some notices asking those who have picked up the dog waste not to hang the plastic bags on fences and tree branches but dispose of them in appropriate receptacles
- Invest in more enforcement procedures. People know they can easily flout the rules with no penalty.

**Designated exercise areas**

- Create dog parks / fields that dog owners can use without the worry of livestock or children being around. Obviously picking up poop after them should still be a rule.
- Set up designated and fenced dog exercise areas after public consultation on locations.
- More dog parks or fenced off areas within public spaces for the sole purpose of exercising dogs.

## Appendix A

### Consultation Comments on Dog Control PSPO 2023

**Q3. It is a condition that dog owners or the person in charge of a dog are required to remove faeces (dog mess) from any land which is open to the air and to which the public have access. Do you think that this condition should...**

- **Remain in place**
- **Be removed (as no longer needed)**
- **No opinion**
- **Be varied (please explain)?**

58 Comments received in response to Q3.

*6 responses - Be varied (please explain below) – included in the report*

1.	I feel there are many irresponsible dog owners out and about who often fail to pick up after their dog so this should remain a offence but I also feel to be able to police this there would have to be more wardens which hopefully would lead to a person being charged with dog fouling and fined only then may it hit home to these irresponsible owners.
2.	Dog faeces must be removed by the owner open to the air to prevent spread of disease to people and livestock and should be rigorously enforced with fixed penalties if the owner does not pick up or have the means to pick up.
3.	The amount of dog faeces that is still not picked up across the streets and footpaths of the Ribble Valley is high! Therefore, I feel that this must be kept in place.
4.	Common sense really and the right thing to do
5.	When you obtain a dog you should be well aware, that picking up dog poo anywhere is part of the job
6.	The law is already being broken in Longridge so removing the enforcement would make the situation worse.
7.	Dog mess is still a problem so clearly there is more needed
8.	Even though I am not a dog owner, this protection order should stay in place. In Longridge around our parks/ open spaces/pavements, dog fouling is really bad. Dog owners need to be educated not to dog foul. I think we don't have the order in place dog fouling will continue. It is not nice for adults/children, and we should not have to worry about going to parks and open spaces and being faced with dog fouling all over the grass.
9.	Dog owners need to be responsible by clearing up after their dog, as I use to do, so as to prevent infections to children from dog poo. Also, we need to keep our streets clean to project a welcoming environment for visitors
10.	Dog mess is disgusting and should never be left in public places. I live in Longridge and have encountered this problem many times.
11.	This is needed as more and more use of public open spaces is made, especially by children and families.
12.	So many people have dogs and quite a few are irresponsible and leave the excrement from their dog on the pavement or in the public parks. I regularly see dog poo outside or near my house on the pavement and it is certainly a hazard to health when left on the grass in parks. Penalties should be very strong to act hopefully as a deterrent to those owners who don't care about others.
13.	<i>I would restrict this to rights of way and pavements</i>
14.	There has been an increase in dog fouling, despite the order being place. There needs to be more monitoring and challenge to those who flout the rules
15.	Although much better, removal of this would only make it worse. The nature reserve on Woone Lane still full of dog poo.

16.	Although a dog owner myself, I no longer walk around Clitheroe or other populated areas due to the amount of dog mess on the pavements and public spaces. This is extremely unpleasant and a health risk to other dogs. I am unable to enjoy local walks as I am constantly looking downwards to check I am not standing in dog poo or that my 2 elderly dogs are not at risk of picking up infection from dog mess left by inconsiderate owners. I now have to use a car and travel to quieter and cleaner areas to keep my dogs safe.
17.	Dog faeces is a public health danger especially to children. It is aesthetically unpleasant and is a nuisance when you walk in it. Dog owners will definitely not pick it up if the rules are relaxed or removed.
18.	A responsible dog owner will have no problem with any of these regulations. The minority of irresponsible owners should heed the majority wishes.
19.	<i>Option to flick or cover out of harm's way</i>
20.	No further response required.
21.	Still far too much dog dirt on the streets. Also, dog owners don't pick up waste in the countryside (where they think no one can see them). Recently a dog left a great pile of muck right in my garden gate. The owner (a rather posh lady) was very put out when I asked her to remove it. She had no bags with her because she was on a country lane so said she didn't need to bother.
22.	Owners need to take responsibility for their dog and keep public areas free from mess. Its unhealthy, unhygienic, unsightly, and unnecessary to allow dogs to foul the land without picking up the faeces.
23.	The problem of dog fouling has got considerably worse so I would recommend that the order still remain in place
24.	It is everyone's interest from a health and safety perspective that owners pick up after their dogs.
25.	<i>Need to add something to stop full poo bags left on ground, stuffed in walls, or hung on trees</i>
26.	What possible argument could there be for NOT picking up? Faeces are obviously unhealthy and can be fatal once on the ground.
27.	Dog mess is a health hazard and unless legislation is in place people will not pick it up.
28.	There is still a lot of dog mess on the pavements and a failure to renew the order would only make this worse.
29.	All dog owners are responsible for clearing up after their beloved dogs..... wherever that may be
30.	Yes, people should clean up their toxic dog waste, many still do not do it, and do not care. Dogs should be banned from the park band stand auditorium, last week a woman brought a big bag of dog mess with her into the performance & her 2 dogs, expected her dogs to sit still for 2 hours which they did not & put her bag of dog mess where someone stood on it & we all had to endure the stink, she thought it was funny. I'd love to go to a picnic concert but dogs, dog mess & attention seeking owners is the most off-putting thing - more off-putting than the rain.
31.	I think fouling by dogs is a serious problem in the Ribble Valley and should be controlled. There are dangers to health and in who wants to see dog faeces all over the place. What is the Environmental impact of all those plastic bags being used to collect dog poo? Some dog poo bins are seen to be over flowing,
32.	Picking up your dog's waste is considered part of being a good dog owner
33.	it is still a problem throughout the Ribble Valley
34.	There should be a way of ensuring that those who do not pick up their dog's faeces, can be convinced that they should do
35.	But it's impossible to enforce.
36.	Too many dog owners let their dogs off the lead and have no idea where their dog is doing a poo

37.	<i>it should include the requirement to place the dog fouling bag in a proper bin or take it home. People should be fined for throwing bags of dog faeces into hedgerows or borders</i>
38.	There are too many irresponsible dog owners and those that don't pick up need to be fined at least £1000.
39.	Lots of dog owners and dogs pass the riverside part of my house and go onto Roefield playing field, where they immediately let them off the lead. There is a lot of dog mess around the areas of Clitheroe, and I think that the condition should remain in place.
40.	It is essential that this condition remains to encourage the small number of irresponsible dog owners to behave in an appropriate manner
41.	<i>Remain in place but also what about livestock in fields? Dog mess is a danger to them, especially the poo bags. Dog mess should be picked up at all times when out in public</i>
42.	This shouldn't even need explaining, there shouldn't even be options. Everyone should pick up after their dog. It's a hazard to the health of wildlife, domestic animals and humans, it's unsightly, it smells.
43.	Dog faeces stinks, and is hazardous to health
44.	Never be varied. Dog faeces should never be left under any circumstances. Bagged faeces, left to collect later, should also be an offence.
45.	As a volunteer litter picker for Langho in Bloom and a resident of Langho I am sickened by the amount of dog mess left by irresponsible dog owners throughout the village: on pavements, private gardens and open spaces especially where children play. Some time ago children at St Mary's School Langho drew pictures asking dog owners to take their dog mess home, the pictures were put near the school gates, some of the children's pictures were damaged, defaced and thrown on the ground. The situation with dog mess became worse. Fines should be thousands of pounds and community service, picking up dog mess. Only stricter laws will end this very antisocial behaviour.
46.	Risk of illness especially children from dog muck
47.	It's somewhat ghastly to trod in dog poo, so it's essential to retain the ruling
48.	Of course, it should be picked up! It's dirty and a health hazard
49.	<i>From any land that is open to the air and public have access - is very broad and there are some circumstances that dog poo cannot be collected. If a dog is off lead and runs into woods or long undergrowth covered in nettles you can't pick it up. Areas should be listed.</i>
50.	My children are too young to know how to avoid dog mess. Removal protects them from running/walking in it when out in public
51.	Still too many owners/dogs leaving the dog mess on the pavements
52.	Too many people have dogs that they can't /don't control, and public safety should be paramount
53.	If your dog fouls in a public place
54.	Poo should be picked up
55.	Dog owners should pick up their dog's mess. Too many open spaces and walls are being ruined by owners refusing to pick up after their dogs.
56.	Dangerous to health/eyesight. Cannot always be seen so as to avoid so necessary to remove when deposited.
57.	It is good manners and hygienic
58.	It is essential to remain in place as at least 25% of dog owners will not pick up if no one is around. I know as I have about 50 dogs a day come through our path and yard.

**Q5. This requires a person in charge of a dog on land which is open to the air and to which the public have access to have with them appropriate means to pick up dog faeces deposited by that dog. Do you think that this condition should...**

- **Remain in place**

- **Be removed (as no longer needed)**
- **No opinion**
- **Be varied (please explain)?**

46 Comments received in response to Q5.

*6 responses - Be varied (please explain below) – included in the report*

1.	Irresponsible Dog owners need to be changed into responsible Dog owners by enforcement
2.	<i>Pick up in parks and open grass. Stick and flick in path with hedge (we have enough plastic, and it won't break down in plastic)</i>
3.	As previous
4.	It's as simple as putting on a dog collar, pick up the dog mess bags as well, people can always ask other dog owners for a bag if they run short, there is no excuse
5.	Of course, they should pick up after their dog
6.	Because it is disgusting people don't pick it up and there is plenty of them
7.	Remain in place, with even more emphasis on pavements / footpaths - end be enforced.
8.	Completely agree
9.	If the policy is still in place this is essential.
10.	<i>I would enforce on roads pavement and rights of way</i>
11.	This will help to maintain the current improvements.
12.	Please see previous response.
13.	Without this requirement to carry proper disposable equipment, the faeces will not get picked up or disposed of properly
14.	Be responsible. Consider others.
15.	No further response required.
16.	See answer to q4
17.	If you own a dog or dogs it should be second nature to have with you, when out walking the dog, poo bags. It's another responsibility of the owner/dog walker
18.	Helps the owner realise their responsibility for cleaning up after their dog.
19.	People need to be made aware of the seriousness of leaving dog mess. This is one way of instilling the importance of clearing up after your dog.
20.	Should remain in place so that dog owners are able to clean up after their pets. Dog faeces are unpleasant, smelly and can adversely affect health if, e.g., touched by children.
21.	If you have a dog and you walk it regularly then you know you need a bag, there is no excuse not to clean up
22.	If you don't carry a bag when walking a dog, then you set out with no intention of picking up the dog poo, so therefore should be fined
23.	If people want to own a dog they should be grown up enough to take responsibility of it, and not be so lazy to expect someone else to babysit their lives. Having a dog is hard work but people think everyone should bow down to their dogs. they should take the mess home. I am tired of seeing dog mess dangling in trees, draped over an over-flowing bin (outside St Paul's church on the pavement) and the woman last week taking her dog mess with her to the band concert for someone to step on it because she could not sit with it near her. She kept saying my dogs are giddy, no they just did not want to sit for 2 hours listening to the band in the wind. The council do a good job emptying the bins, but they should not really have to deal with lazy people's dog mess. I don't go to Edisford Bridge, because I've seen people with puppies, then ask me have I got a tissue so they can pick up their puppy diarrhea, they obviously did not come out with anything to clean up after themselves.

24.	Many dog owners are responsible people who pick up the poo. Others are totally irresponsible pick up the poo, put it in a bag and then hang it on a fence, tree or bush or just throw it away. This should be clamped down on, an offence / fine.
25.	Every good dog owner should have means to pick up after their dog
26.	100% requirement to pick it up and also dispose of it correctly
27.	It should be possible for a dog warden to be able to challenge dog owners to ensure they intend to pick up their dog's faeces
28.	Again, impossible to enforce. There are too many dogs.
29.	<i>Major routes should have a take a bag/leave a bag option so those who are caught in a situation without one have as many chances as possible to pick up after their dog.</i>
30.	Fines for not carrying poo bags
31.	<i>In theory yes this is warranted. It would be good to see some bag provision in public parks. There are times people forget or don't take enough. Or maybe in the cafe in the park. For emergencies</i>
32.	<i>I find this a difficult point and intrusive to be asked to provide evidence that someone has the means - it's overreach. The offence should be in failing to deal with the mess.</i>
33.	<i>to include it is an offence to throw the bag of dog faeces anywhere other than a designated bin</i>
34.	Xxx
35.	Same as no. 4
36.	Every responsible dog owner carries sufficient bags, so it needs to be enforced against those who have no intention of picking up the faeces
37.	Dog owners should provide the means to pick up their dog's waste, otherwise they shouldn't have a dog.
38.	Every dog owner should have at least two bags for dog mess. I have challenged owners when their dog has fouled, the response was, they only brought one bag and the dog has fouled twice. More excuses. Very large notices should be situated on the spaces and CCTV cameras to stop dog fouling. There are some very ignorant and irresponsible dog owns.
39.	It is their responsibility to control the dog and pick up the muck
40.	AS per Q£
41.	As before. All dog waste should be disposed of safely
42.	I Litter Pick for Langho in Bloom and find dog poo bags thrown in hedges, etc.
43.	Public health
44.	Dangerous to health and can often not be seen in parks/ open land/ streets in the dark. Very difficult to remove from shoes and children are particularly at risk...
45.	Hygiene
46.	they must be prepared; I have forgotten a bag is no excuse.

### ***Dogs excluded***

***Q7. Dogs are excluded from fenced play areas set aside for children and other sports pitches. The full list is outlined in the Order. Do you think this condition should:***

- ***Remain in place***
- ***Be removed (as no longer needed)***
- ***No opinion***
- ***Be varied (please explain)?***

56 Comments received in response to Q7.

*16 responses - Be varied (please explain below) – included in the report*

1.	<i>Dogs on a tight leash should be allowed around the edge of the area to allow single adults with children and a dog be near the children playing on the area. The dogs should not be allowed into the central areas of play and dogs should be removed if the animal needs to toilet (owners tend to know when this is needed)</i>
2.	In Children's play/sport areas Dog faeces and Urine always leave a trace and should not be allowed access
3.	<i>This should not just be fenced play areas for example in Salesbury the large grass area and the church needs to be protected. As a dog owner I am fed up with dogs running up to us or seeing mess left. Any size dog can be on an extendable lead giving some control but not to run free</i>
4.	Yes, Yes, Yes, remain in place
5.	The amount of people with dogs has hugely increased it seems since the pandemic, therefore in order to keep our children safe from the amount of dogs that could be free to roam around parks/public spaces, this must stay in place. Also, as a parent of a child who is petrified of dogs I feel this condition reassures him that he is safe to play.
6.	Parents with dogs should be allowed to sit in playgrounds whilst their children play. Also, open green spaces for example community football pitches (like in Read) should be open to responsible dog owners.
7.	<i>Ribchester field day way confusing. I was told the dog was allowed before arriving and on the day was told this was not allowed. My dog stayed on his lead. Normally on this field I would not let him off unless it is empty</i>
8.	Where kids play, you don't want dog wee on the play equipment, plenty of places to go other than play grounds
9.	<i>Should be allowed to walk round sports pitch fields, all the green areas are getting built up</i>
10.	<i>Allowed on short (not extending) leads only. Some families like to support children playing sport or call at playgrounds when out walking. Exercising of dogs off lead, on extendable leads or long ropes should continue to be banned</i>
11.	Dogs should not be present where there are children playing
12.	Remain in place so long as there are public areas where families with dogs and children can go and play together. All dogs must be on leads
13.	People are sensible. Parents watching their children do sport should be allowed to take their dog with them. As it enables them to support their child and to walk their dog at the same time
14.	Parents should be able to watch their kid do sport/play whilst having their dog with them. Most dog owners are respectful of where they are and know to pick up poo and not let their dogs get too close to other children if necessary.
15.	<i>The original order was too wide ranging. Parents should be able to take their dog and children to a play area. Only the area close to children's play equipment should be covered. On my area a large field, rarely used by children was included.</i>
16.	Yes, these "closed" areas should be protected at all costs in fact all playing fields and sports areas should also be protected, even if sports facilities are only used by adults.
17.	<i>Dogs should not be allowed in any parks or public spaces without a lead in high peak times e.g., dogs should be on leads in public at all times during April to Oct for example. This is especially relevant at places of high use in summer such as down at Edisford river bank. Designated fenced areas for dogs to be exercised off leads must be created. The risk of significant harm and/death from the rise in untrained dogs is increasing.</i>
18.	<i>Sports pitches often not used but regularly used by dog walkers, most of whom pick up litter whilst walking dogs. Feel access should be allowed as long as not intruding directly onto a pitch</i>
19.	The child's play areas are for children to play and tumble. And they shouldn't have to risk standing in dog dirt or playing where dogs urinate

20.	<i>If the first two are adhered to, this isn't needed. However, I understand why dogs should not be loose whilst children or sports are being played. When the sports ground isn't busy with football etc though everyone should be able to use it. In lots of places this is the only green space for a few miles.</i>
21.	<i>There are public places within the Castle Grounds where dogs should be kept on leads. Extensive effort has gone into the gardens, the Remembrance area, the Cafe, the Jubilee bed, the Rockery and more. It is disheartening to find newly planted areas fouled by dogs, and even worse to be planting or weeding and come across piles of dog dirt. As in the Cemetery these areas should be off limits, they enhance the Castle Grounds and are there for enjoyment of all of the public. The Castle has become the public toilet for the Clitheroe dog population and although responsible owners are in the majority, it is the minority who sway opinion. The excuse "I pay my Council Tax" is not an acceptable answer to the damage caused by excited canines. It has become the norm to let the dog off the lead at the Castle Gate and retrieve it when leaving the Grounds. The Castle Field is the only area which should be exempt.</i>
22.	This must remain in place to keep children safe from harm
23.	Toxocara Canis kills. This is enough justification for continuing the regulations.
24.	It's obvious why dogs are not allowed in children's play areas. Should need no further explanation.
25.	No further response required.
26.	<i>It can be hard to take our daughter to a play area when we have the dog with us. It would be useful if there was a designated area for dog owners to enter a play area and keep the dog on the lead.</i>
27.	<i>QE playing field belongs to the people of Whalley and dogs should be allowed on here - obviously off the sports area - lots of new houses and dogs and nowhere to walk otherwise</i>
28.	<i>Dogs should be allowed onto other sports pitches if the owners of said pitches give their permission.</i>
29.	Sports pitches and play grounds should be kept clean and as safe as possible for people to use and part of that means excluding dogs. Dogs can leave mess and when young children are running around dogs can get over excited and become hard to handle. I note the playground near the castle in Clitheroe is fenced and gated, but on occasions people still take their dogs into the grounds. Have any been prosecuted?
30.	See question 5 response.
31.	Dog faeces is a dreadful health hazard. Dogs on playgrounds and sports pitches represent a health hazard (Toxocariasis) and injury hazard (dog bites).
32.	So that these areas are clean and safe and can be enjoyed by those using them.
33.	Public spaces are for everyone, people who love dogs and those who don't, if you want to share that place it's only polite and common sense to keep dogs out of play parks even if you have children and dogs with you, you must choose to leave your dog outside the play park.
34.	This should never be removed!
35.	Other parts of the park should be dog free, as I get older I'd expect to use the park more, but people deliberately let their dogs invade personal space, they think it's funny! Where can you sit in the park and not get molested by dogs or their grubby owners. If I sat in the child park, they'd think I was out of place, so some dog free space would be great. There should be massive signs saying dogs not allowed in the bandstand auditorium, who would want to eat a picnic with dogs & bags of dog mess and lazy owners. It would be nice to buy sandwiches or chips and eat them in the park, but there is no-where to do this, the band stand area could be made dog-free so we could at least enjoy an outdoor snack.
36.	We need to protect our children's health and wellbeing.
37.	for the health and safety of those using these facilities
38.	For the safety of children and anyone playing a sport - from diseases carried by dogs

39.	<i>Well controlled dogs not an issue</i>
40.	Very important. But some dog owners see playing fields as easy access for exercising dogs.
41.	<i>I would like to see this extended to all areas of the castle park, I have had two very intrusive incidents involving dogs out of control. The first was when sat in the area previously known as the Rose Garden, I was sat with my young grandchild on a bench enjoying a homemade sandwich when a lady with two dogs off leads approached us the first dog took a bite from my grandchild's sandwich, the lady was unaware as she was some distance in front. when I shouted to her and told her she said, "well you shouldn't be sat there eating". She continued on, and the second dog then returned and took the rest of the sandwich. Second incident, I was myself sat on a bench just through the main gates of the castle eating a sandwich and a man came past riding his cycle and his dog following off lead. I had purchased some cooked meat which was next to me on the seat in a carrier bag and the dog sniffed the bag put its head in a started eating the meat. I shouted to the man he just turned and laughed. Sadly, now many dog owners are not fully in control of their dogs, and they appear to think any behaviour is acceptable. I have had two dogs myself and would never have them off lead in such areas, especially where there will be children, the castle grounds is not an acceptable place to exercise a dog off lead.</i>
42.	this should be enforced as dogs frequently run around children's play areas
43.	Xxx
44.	Dogs on a lead
45.	There is always dog mess on the football area on Roefield
46.	There is no need for dogs to be in the play areas. If families have dogs they can take them out separately and then go to the playground and give undivided attention to their children. This is a responsible approach and removes the risk of dog bites/mess etc
47.	Blindness. Need I say more
48.	Contamination
49.	Again, dog poo is ghastly
50.	For cleanliness and for children afraid of dogs
51.	Health & Safety
52.	Safety of children is essential
53.	Needs to remain for a number of reasons including fouling, dogs chasing children.Unfair to the dogs to allow in confined space with children...
54.	<i>Well behaved dogs on short leads should be allowed on sports grounds (but not on the pitch). For example, I enjoy watching local amateur football and my dog would be well behaved. Similar to farmers fields I always make sure my dog has done his business and collected up by me before I let him loose. Responsible owners should not be restricted by the minority fee.</i>
55.	Hygiene and safety
56.	No dogs should ever be allowed where children play, some children particularly Autistic ones can be terrified of dogs.

### **Dogs on leads**

**Q9. Dogs must be on a lead in Clitheroe Cemetery. Do you think this condition should...**

- **Remain in place**
- **Be removed (as no longer needed)**
- **No opinion**
- **Be varied (please explain)?**

45 Comments received in response to Q9.

15 responses - *Be varied (please explain below)* – included in the report

1.	<i>Dogs should be on a lead in all public areas except dog fields. Many owners have no recall over their dogs. I have been approached by many dogs in Brungerley Park for instance, and even had dogs jump up at me putting muddy paws on me with a response "it's just being friendly". This puts me off attending walks provided by RVBC because of so many dogs not under control.</i>
2.	People don't want Dogs wandering around a place of Respect and Remembrance without being on a lead which also includes fouling picked up or not in an area like this
3.	<i>This must be all cemetery in the RV not just Clitheroe</i>
4.	If anything, to ensure the cemetery remains well kept and free from dog fouling.
5.	<i>Other public cemeteries in the Borough should be added, e.g., Whalley, Wiswell &amp; Barrow</i>
6.	<i>I've never been but my dog runs around Ribchester cemetery</i>
7.	Disrespectfully using a cemetery purposely or accidentally as a place for your dog's loo
8.	Sounds sensible
9.	Remain in place
10.	Definitely agree
11.	Dogs cause less damage than delinquents who push over grave stones tear up flowers etc.
12.	<i>Dogs should be on Leads in all public places, not just the cemetery</i>
13.	Don't live in Clitheroe but would think a cemetery is not the most appropriate place to take a dog unless necessary.
14.	<i>Should also apply to all cemeteries in RVBC</i>
15.	<i>Extend this to all public places</i>
16.	It's respectful.
17.	This should be extended to all other public spaces.
18.	A cemetery is a place of respect for the deceased and a place of memorial for the friends and relatives of them. You cannot have dogs running all over the graves pooing and weeing on them. The thought of relaxing the rules is ridiculous.
19.	No further response required.
20.	<i>I would like dogs to be on a lead in all of the public parks where small children are walking/playing. I regularly see strange dogs off the lead run up to toddlers/small children or prams/pushchairs and knock them over at the Castle, and I think that this is selfish on the part of the dog owners.</i>
21.	should be extended to include everywhere. Dogs should be kept on a lead at all times especially in a field with livestock
22.	It's the sensible option to keep dogs on a lead in any cemetery
23.	<i>Should apply to all public spaces. Dog owners are not always in control of their dogs and allow them to run loose and sometimes jump up at other pedestrians. It's not acceptable to say "He won't hurt you he's just being friendly" - some people are afraid of dogs, and I feel at present dog owners have taken over our public spaces to the detriment of the rest of us.</i>
24.	Shows respect for the dead and their relatives/friends.
25.	Dogs should not be allowed to roam freely around a cemetery out of respect nor in any public place i.e., through the town centre.
26.	I visit the cemetery regularly and dogs should always be on a lead and cleaned up if necessary, headstones are especially precious.
27.	It is just a question of being respectful
28.	They should be on a short lead in the park too, and in the town centre also, and the nature park by the river (the place with the sculptures).

29.	should be on leads in all public places
30.	<i>I think dogs should be kept on a lead in the Castle grounds. Since the pandemic there has been a rise in antisocial dog behaviour nationally and locally. The Castle grounds have become intimidating to walk through at times. If the dogs could be put on leads when just on the footpaths through the park this would be an improvement. There are many many people who are nervous around dogs, and this must be understood and considered so they are not excluded from parks.</i>
31.	<i>Should be on leads in all public spaces including parks, cemeteries, and public footpaths</i>
32.	Dogs should be on a lead at most times. When dogs run loose how do the owners know when they have done a poo!!
33.	It is respectful to keep dogs on leads rather than running around graves, fouling etc There are other areas for dog exercise which are more appropriate
34.	Who wants to grieve with a dog running around?
35.	Should apply to all cemeteries, why only Clitheroe?
36.	<i>Dogs should be on leads in ALL public spaces</i>
37.	Should be on a lead in public places all over Ribble Valley not just Clitheroe
38.	Cemeteries are sacred places and dogs urinating / pooing is extremely disrespectful
39.	Just out of respect and to stop fouling on sacred places
40.	Not everyone likes dogs and certainly not loose in the cemetery
41.	<i>I think dogs should be on a lead in all public spaces or spaces where the public have access.</i>
42.	<i>I don't feel that it's appropriate to have dogs in a cemetery at all</i>
43.	Not the place for free running dogs. Older people, quiet and respectful atmosphere required.
44.	Good manners
45.	<i>Would you like a dog reposting its mess on your relative's grave?</i>

**Q11. It is a condition that dog owners put their dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer. This applies to any land to which the public have access and where a dog is considered to be out of control. Do you think this condition should ...**

- **Remain in place**
- **Be removed (as no longer needed)**
- **No opinion**
- ***Be varied (please explain)?***

40 Comments received in response to Q11.

*11 responses - Be varied (please explain below) including one Be Varied response where a comment was not made – included in the report*

1.	<i>Dogs should be on leads at all times unless on a dog field, dog park or specified dog walking area. Too many dog owners do not have recall over their dogs.</i>
2.	Dogs should always be on a lead on a highway/footpath; this seems to be optional on Four Lane Ends
3.	<i>Any public places dogs should be on leads. We have our dogs on leads and constantly pestered by other dogs. Make this clear if you are in the Ribble Valley your dog is on a lead even an extendable lead.</i>
4.	Never seen a dog warden in my life. But if someone told me they were scared of dogs I would put him on the lead
5.	Yes as long as the reason is explained, and warranted
6.	This is very necessary especially in a farming community

7.	<i>I am not sure about this condition. I know that dogs need to run about, but I feel that a dog should be on a lead in any space where a member of the public might be. When I am out walking, I often have dogs run up to me, which I don't like as they sometimes jump up and can be quite boisterous. It once happened to me when I was recovering from an operation, and it hurt when the dog jumped up on me. You also end up with dirty paw prints on you. Fortunately, so far all of them have been friendly, but one day, one might not be. I do think that owners should put their dog on a lead when directed, however, it would be unlikely that an authorised officer would actually be stood there when required. That would surely be unmanageable.</i>
8.	I have walked through a park in Longridge where dog owners have had their dogs off their leads. Some if the dogs are harmless, but when they are barking and growling when you are trying to walk past, especially with children it is not nice. Dog owners should be made to keep their dogs on a lead at all times. We should have designated dog spaces where they can go off lead and go to the toilet.
9.	Remain in place
10.	Definitely needed to protect the safety of people and other animals
11.	<i>No comment made</i>
12.	A dog should be put on a lead in all public spaces.
13.	Definitely. Dogs should always be kept on a lead when put in public and especially in rural environments.
14.	<i>Dogs should be put on a lead when asked by anyone</i>
15.	Yeah it's respect for the people who are also trying to enjoy the space.
16.	Authorised officers of the Council must have the powers to do their job properly
17.	No further response required.
18.	<i>This should only apply where a dog is 'considered to be out of control' and not be applied to dogs that are well controlled.</i>
19.	Recently had two large dogs run up and jump up at me on a country lane. All I got from the owner was "they won't hurt you". Dogs should be on a lead at all times
20.	Hard to police this one. I have been run at and barged by off the lead growling dogs twice in a month at Edisford. No authorised officer was around as it would be an unbelievable coincidence for one to be there when a dog was off the lead. Couldn't get anyone to come down to Edisford, I was concerned that children may be attacked. Who are authorised officers?
21.	An authorised officer will have a reasoned argument for the decision. He/she is protecting the wider public.
22.	The authorised officer is there to protect the public and therefore needs the power to carry out this duty.
23.	Of course, it's common sense, owners must be responsible and fined or other if necessary
24.	Absolutely right to keep this in place
25.	Yes, but where are the officers when it is busy or there is a function/event on?
26.	Dogs run at people all the time. The lack of control of the owners is breathtaking
27.	<i>Depends on how out of control defined</i>
28.	Should be extended to land containing farm stock.
29.	As No. 10
30.	As long as this is applied sensibly, and a reason given this is necessary and reasonable
31.	<i>Dogs should remain on a lead in public spaces. You never know how a dog may react even if the dog usually has a good temperament. There could be dedicated areas where dogs can be off lead</i>
32.	Because the dog may harm people

33.	<i>Having just been bitten by a dog on the roadside I think dogs should be on a lead in all public spaces without having to be told to put them on a lead.</i>
34.	Authority must be respected
35.	Common sense
36.	Obvious - we should obey
37.	Who is determining a dog not in control? A trained person? Or a member of the public that doesn't like dogs?
38.	<i>This should not be restricted to an authorised officer. All dogs should be on a short lead in public spaces or spaces where the public have access. It is very unlikely that an authorised officer will happen to be there when a dog is out of control.</i>
39.	<i>I feel that dogs should be on a lead at all times when in a public place. Perhaps there should be specific dogs exercise areas where they can come off lead</i>
40.	Surely an out-of-control dog must be able to be tethered and officials allowed to do this.
41.	No dog should be out of control

### **Maximum number of dogs**

**Q13. The maximum number of dogs that can be walked by one person is four (this applies to any land to which the public have access, except with the consent of the person having control of the land). Do you think this condition should:**

- **Remain in place**
- **Be removed (as no longer needed)**
- **No opinion**
- **Be varied (please explain)?**

62 Comments received in response to Q13.

*34 responses - Be varied (please explain below) – included in the report*

1.	Span of Control-4 seems right and more would lose that control.
2.	For the safety of the Walker.
3.	<i>I think 4 dogs is too many</i>
4.	<i>Business' such as k9 ribble valley walk up to 6 dogs</i>
5.	Definitely, some people can't control 1 dog, generally people with 4 dogs have experience so 4 max a good number
6.	<i>Should be less than 4 as dog walkers (professional ones) never seem to have control over 4 random dogs, 4 dogs running towards me and my one dog, are quite intimidating and can be threatening in a pack. How can they keep an eye on what four dogs are all doing when they scatter in diff directions</i>
7.	<i>Sometimes 4 is too many especially dog walkers with dogs that aren't familiar with each other.</i>
8.	<i>Reduce to 3. Many dog walkers cannot control 4 dogs</i>
9.	Don't think anyone could cope with more than 4 dogs
10.	<i>I feel reduced to two. As is often the case this is a bit blunt, but unavoidable, some dog walkers are in total control of 4, others due to the training of the particular animals and their own stature are pulled every which way.</i>
11.	<i>I think this needs thinking about. I am not a dog owner, but surely it depends on the breed and age. As a member of the public, I would be less concerned about passing someone who was walking six elderly tea cup breeds then someone who was walking two young adult pit bulls.</i>
12.	I think the number of dogs should be reduced to two, If the dog walker loses control of two of those dogs, the other dogs are more than likely to follow suit and could attack someone.
13.	<i>Provided they are on a lead, no need for a limit of 4</i>

14.	<i>This might need to be varied depending on the size, type, and power of the dogs.</i>
15.	<i>I think four dogs (particularly if large, strong breeds) is too many for one person to adequately control on their own, and this number should be reduced</i>
16.	Recent incidents of people struggling to control a group of dogs
17.	<i>I agree with this for dog walking companies, but if the person owns more than 4 dogs they should be able to walk them all together.</i>
18.	This seems a sensible number for a dog Walker to handle and control
19.	Should really be less than four. Four can be very intimidating.
20.	<i>Should be maximum of 3 if a person tries to control 4 Alsatian's for instance they would not stand a chance</i>
21.	<i>This should be changed due to the increase in "muscle dogs" owners are not able to manage 4 of these types of animals.</i>
22.	I have been in situations where dog owners have no control of their animals
23.	I do not think anyone can control more than 4 dogs at any one time.
24.	I trust that this condition also requires all four dogs to be kept on a lead at all times.
25.	<i>Four dogs is too greater number to keep under control and at the same time pick up faeces. The number should reduce to two.</i>
26.	Dogs are pack animals. When in large groups their behaviour becomes as a 'pack' and not necessarily predictable.
27.	<i>As an owner of two dogs, I think this number is enough for one person to be in full and safe control of at any one time. This may well be contentious but four is too many, 'imo', in the event of one or other, or all, needing to be controlled. A reduction to a maximum of three would be a step in the right direction.</i>
28.	<i>I think that this should only apply in areas where there is a large amount of people in a small space.</i>
29.	<i>I think that maximum should be two. The reason is that when picking up the dog poo, it is necessary to transfer all of the leads to one hand (so you can use the other to pick up properly). Unless all four dogs are small, I don't think that it is possible to control four dogs in one hand whilst bending down and doing the necessary with the other.</i>
30.	Yes - as this has stopped dog walkers arriving in vans from elsewhere with lots of dogs (I think)
31.	Dogs act as a pack, as seen by the death of the experienced dog walker recently by the dogs she was walking. Four dogs is plenty to be walking
32.	One person cannot control more than four dogs. (I would limit it to three).
33.	I feel four dogs is too many for one person to control when on leads. I would suggest three as maximum. Another problem with this is that once the dogs are off the lead and running around the Castle grounds control is at a minimum.
34.	There is a need for walkers to be able to control their dogs. This would be impossible if walking more than 4
35.	If it was up to me, it would only be two dogs under one person's control!
36.	How can you control any more than four dogs at once? Particularly large dogs. Should it not be reduced to three dogs?
37.	No, two dogs is sufficient for one person. Have you seen the people with several dogs, baby in a pram, mobile phone, extra-long finger nails, and dog mess bag on the handle-bar? Then expect others to pet their dogs.
38.	Think it should be 3 at the most
39.	<i>Depends on size of dogs</i>
40.	<i>Be reduced to a maximum of two.</i>
41.	<i>This number should be reduced. Given the increase of persons starting dog walking as a form of employment the number of people walking multiple dogs is likely to increase significantly. Four dogs being walked by a one person is a lot to manage and it is likely that at some point the Walker will lose control</i>

42.	<i>I think this should be less. One person can't safely control 4 dogs in a public place.</i>
43.	<i>Should be 3 dogs max</i>
44.	<i>This could be seen as an exception for professional dog walkers who look after and walk other people's dogs. The person in question should have to be holding a certain amount of poo bags, for each dog, on each walk.</i>
45.	<i>Particularly after a number of cases this year where walkers have been attacked by a 'pack' which they were walking</i>
46.	<i>May be their business to walk dogs. Any number should be ok if all on leads and under control.</i>
47.	<i>While the maximum number of dogs that can be walked by one person is 4, I have seen instances where more than one person is walking together, and I have seen eight dogs in a group.</i>
48.	<i>Should be 2 only. There are too many dogs filling the pavements in the town centre</i>
49.	<i>Two is enough for one person</i>
50.	<i>It is very difficult to supervise 4 dogs at once, impossible if they are off the lead resulting in fouling and risk to other persons on their own or with dogs. Ideally it should be two dogs but three is a sensible compromise</i>
51.	<i>It should be two.</i>
52.	<i>Maximum dogs can be 4 if they are manageable/ well behaved. I often see people walking more than 4. If the dogs are not manageable then this number should be lower, more like 2.</i>
53.	<i>It should be lowered. One person cannot hope to contain four dogs if they scatter</i>
54.	<i>As long as the dogs are well behaved, and the Walker has control of them I don't think they should be limited to 4.</i>
55.	<i>Depends on breed of dog and behaviour</i>
56.	<i>Four dogs too many to be controlled by one person</i>
57.	<i>A lot of "dog walkers" are female and therefore not necessarily strong enough to control more than 4 dogs at once.</i>
58.	<i>A person in charge of more than 4 dogs would not be in complete control of the animals. For strength reasons and keeping track of cleaning up after them</i>
59.	<i>It depends on the type of dogs. Four pit bulls is too many for one person</i>
60.	<i>Four is more than enough to maintain control of.</i>
61.	<i>Restrict to 3</i>
62.	<i>impossible to monitor more than 4, that is too many</i>

## Any other ideas or comments?

### Do you have any other ideas on how we can improve dog control in Ribble Valley?

142 (60%) respondents made a comment to this question.

1.	More dog wardens and more visibility of said wardens. As a dog owner I'd be happy to see all dogs needing to be on leads in public spaces. In an ideal situation there would be off lead areas available that were secure.
2.	Better access to dog poop bins should be made. For example, one was removed from Copperfield Close when full (rather than being emptied) and the bin was not replaced. This leads to certain minded individuals to just dump poop bags (full) rather than putting them in a designated bin. If Ribble Valley want cooperation from dog owners they should play their own part in this and act as a partnership in these matters.
3.	Dogs on leads at all times unless in specific dog walking areas, dog fields etc. Many public places in Clitheroe are taken over by dogs off leads with no recall by owner which makes it inhospitable to those who do not want dogs approaching them or jumping on them.
4.	Having more dog wardens to be able to ensure all things can be properly policed. Also more dog refuse bins especially on rural walks where I live there are none on the roads and many people walk this route with dogs.
5.	Rigorous enforcement rather than polite requests is far more likely to keep RV clean.
6.	Allow Cllrs to ask people to put their dog on a lead. We don't have enough wardens to be everywhere.
7.	Q13, I think 4 is too many
8.	More dog poop bins are needed particularly in popular walking spots such as Pimlico Road near the bridge to Moorland school, by Brungerley Bridge.
9.	Make extendable leads illegal, seen many dogs on leads way too long on pavements along main roads and running in front of pedestrians and cyclists
10.	Have more dog wardens patrolling villages
11.	The RVBC warning signs are not effective because they are often vandalised, presumably by dog owners who object to the threat of a fine. Cannot offer a solution unfortunately.
12.	Increased investment in enforcement activity. Increased responsible dog ownership promotional campaigns.... Particularly in spring when new born / young livestock in fields.
13.	Big dogs are often taken into public spaces by small people who would not be able to physically control their dogs if the dogs became aggressive. The dogs are often not even on a lead whilst walking in fields very frightening for some people. The dogs should be on a lead at all times. I've seen dogs not on leads walking with owners in the castle grounds the dogs taking a different route to the owner, the dog then doing a poop that the owner does not see. So not picked up. Not good enough and if you challenge an owner stand by for the verbal abuse.
14.	I think the wardens should be more visible, or there should be more of them. In 14 years of walking my dog around Clitheroe. I've probably seen a warden van twice. Also, more dog bins are required as people seem incapable of carrying bags if there are no bins or bins are full. They just get dumped. Also, I think the public should be encouraged more to report people who don't pick up and to know that something will be done
15.	Ask people for CCTV of people not cleaning up after their dog & post it on social media
16.	Increase the penalties. Prevent dogs entering more spaces. All dogs on a lead at all times.
17.	More dog mess bins and easier to get them installed and emptied in each parish, the system to get them is a joke
18.	Have more safe dog designated spaces
19.	Put up more notices on sports pitches to alert the public.

20.	More enforcement of current legislation. Provision of more bins in popular dog walking areas (consult with parish councils for placement). All current dog waste and general waste bins to be maintained properly i.e., repaired where lids are missing (e.g., Copster Green), replaced with larger bins where needed e.g., Salesbury common, Wilpshire Hotel traffic lights. Provision of fenced exercise areas where dogs can be exercised off lead and allowed to run as nature intended
21.	Dog fouling is still a major problem in Clitheroe. Also, on the footpath in the nature reserve. The current Dog control orders don't seem to be having any effect.
22.	Put in the public domain those offenders caught and fined / prosecuted.
23.	Greater enforcement of the cleaning up regulations, they are being increasingly ignored, at least in Hurst Green. Easier said than done I know.
24.	More officers and clamp down more on people breaking the laws
25.	Regular dog warden patrolling
26.	Greater provision of dog poo bags in public places
27.	I think this is another reason why there needs to be more quality CCTV around. There are lots of very responsible dog owners about, but there are also too many selfish ones who spoil things for everybody. Nobody should leave dog poo behind anywhere. Also, people seem to think that it is ok to walk their dog and leave dog mess in back/side alleys - sometimes right outside other peoples' back gates/doors. It really is a disgusting thing to do. I think there should be more frequent and high-profile fining. And I am afraid that persistent offenders need naming and shaming. It's the only way some people will co-operate - and even then, some might not do, in which case they need banning from owning a dog. I also am concerned about several dog owners who I have come across (who are actually very responsible) who think it is acceptable not to clean up after their dog in a field. Actually, sheep, cows and other wildlife can be extremely ill if they come into contact with dog poo. Plus, fields with public pathways are public places too.
28.	Fenced - dog spaces for them to go off lead and go to the toilet, with facilities to put their dog poo in.
29.	Ban extending leads
30.	Would like to see enforcement of these regulations - and include situations where dog owners/walkers fail to dispose of full poo bags properly
31.	We must do more to ensure the safety of sheep where people can cut through fields with their dogs.
32.	Dogs should be kept on leads and under control at all times when in a public place. There are many untrained/poorly trained dogs off their leads in public places that cause nuisance, frighten, and injure people, other dogs and other pets as they are not properly controlled by their owners
33.	I think you don't need to do any more people in the Ribble valley control their dogs! It's mainly an issue of not picking poo up that causes upset. This isn't an issue about controlling your dog this is lazy disrespectful owners. You will never change them!
34.	Have set aside dog parks/play areas where they can be let off the lead (at owners' risk).
35.	Issue contact details to local parish councils for inclusion of dog control orders on village notice boards
36.	Dogs should always be on a lead in public places
37.	Perhaps emphasise the issue on social media.
38.	CCTV at known trouble spots. Publish details monthly of the amount of fines issued in this regard. Make it an offence not to dispose of used poo bags responsibly.
39.	CCTV. People who are able to issue on the spot fines need to be visible in areas of high fouling. This is bad in Read and Simonstone, yet I've never seen someone walking the streets, stopping dog owners asking these questions. Should be wearing body cams also. I am a dog owner and would have no objection to being asked to prove I have means of removing dog faeces if needed.
40.	Have more penalties for dogs off leads in rural environments.

41.	Dog Wardens need to patrol the villages in addition to Clitheroe. Hurst Green is on the Tolkien Trail and of a weekend there is a never-ending stream of dogs
42.	I was unaware of these powers. If not already done, it would be good to produce signs specifying the powers and consequences, so that they could be put up in appropriate areas.
43.	More dog waste litter bins available
44.	More bins around
45.	Dog fouling is a continuing issue and requiring dog owners to carry bags simply means that the dog mess is left in plastic bags in verges, by paths, in crevices in walls, hung in trees or flung in the river. This issue won't be solved until there is a compulsory dog registration and a DNA database so that any fouling can be traced back to the owner. I would urge the council to consider such a scheme.
46.	Security cameras in the worse effected areas.
47.	More dog wardens on patrol. On the spot fines.
48.	More bins please.
49.	There used to be signs requesting owners to keep their dogs on leads, there is still at least one at the Castle, perhaps more of them should be in evidence. Certainly, even more bins are needed, every bin in Clitheroe overflows with poo bags.
50.	Provide dedicated dog exercising areas
51.	Anyone convicted of serious offences under these laws should be barred from owning or exercising a dog. Dogs should be licensed nationally anyway. Some dog owners just don't care. The dog is always right and comes first. We need strict laws so that all of us can use public spaces safely.
52.	Increase presence of the Dog Warden to ensure owners pick up. Many owners walk dogs and don't pick up. We have stopped walking our dogs up Standen as there are many owners not picking up. Our dogs were constantly ill whilst walking this area. We have recently stopped, and their health has improved beyond measure. Not picking up is not only a nuisance/danger to people but to dogs too.
53.	I frequently walk in the Castle Grounds, and I have noticed the many improvements being made by the Ground Staff. I have also noticed the huge increase in the number of dogs being exercised in the Grounds. Although many dogs are kept on a lead or are under close control, some dog owners seem to consider the whole area, from the entrance to the exit, is there purely for their dog's benefit. A minority of dog owners do not pick up their dog poop - either deliberately or through lack of attention when their dogs are roaming free. These neglectful owners unfortunately spoil it for the majority. It would greatly improve the Castle experience for both residents and visitors if dogs were only permitted to be unleashed on the Castle Field and must be kept on a lead in all other areas, including all paths. I feel that in ALL parts of the Ribble Valley, in sensitive areas such as the Cemeteries AND in public places which are cared for and gardened for the public benefit, dogs should always be kept on a lead. I have been a dog owner for most of my life until very recently. I am also a gardener and appreciate the work which goes into keeping our surroundings looking lovely. The two are not incompatible. Consideration for others is the key.
54.	Provision of designated, enclosed dog fields/areas (possibly within/close to parkland). Clear signage (dogs on leads, sticking to footpaths, safe disposal of poop). Availability of poop bags (selected/popular/poop hotspot dog walking routes/areas) in case owners forget or run out.
55.	We farm in Waddington, and we have a serious problem with dogs at large while the dog walkers walk around m Conference calls or have earphones in. Dog faeces is either not picked up or we have dog poo bags left everywhere
56.	I have yet to see a dog warden on the street (as opposed to sat in a van emptying dog waste bins) since the introduction of the Local By-Law. Any law, for it to be effective, must be effectively resourced to enable it to be policed. I suspect this is not the case at the moment. If this assumption is correct, then for these policies to be effective they must be adequately resourced.

57.	Dog control could be improved by ensuring that along with open spaces for non-dog owners, children, sports etc., there is good open provision for off-lead dog walking/exercise. By ensuring there are spaces where dog owners have been considered as a priority, there will be less need for dog-owners to walk dogs in the other public areas where they are often perceived (unfairly) to be 'a nuisance' for non-dog owners. Promotional and educational materials should be fair and balanced - recognising that the vast majority of dog-owners are responsible and that residents with dogs need spaces to walk their dogs and are not 'intruding' on other public spaces (which can sometimes be the perception created by negative 'dog control' dialogue). Ensuring there are ample dog waste bins, regularly emptied. Adopting a more focused campaign about dog waste rather than 'preaching to the converted' (most dog walkers are not the target of those campaigns!) - celebrate responsible dog ownership, all that healthy exercise, from time to time rather than merely focusing on where dog-ownership is perceived as 'a problem'.
58.	When walking on pavements, dogs should be on a short lead, retractable leads to be extended to no more than one metre.
59.	Dog faeces should be picked up but also be deposited in an appropriate waste bin
60.	Employ more dog wardens. Every morning I hear dogs fighting on the park adjacent to my house. It is always dogs off leads, outside the 'dog walking area' part of the park, where children play football. It is clear that people don't expect anyone to challenge them and believe that the rules won't be enforced. It is widely known that Ribble Valley is a huge area with only one member of staff meant to cover everywhere. I don't think that people believe that the Borough takes this seriously.
61.	More fines for people letting their dogs foul without removing. More dog wardens to show people there is a presence out and about to deter people from letting their dogs foul.
62.	More bins always needed
63.	With regard to failing to pick up dog mess in public spaces, I regularly see dog mess on the pavements in Clitheroe, which indicates that more is needed to tackle this issue. The vast majority of dog owners are really good and clean up after their dogs but there is a high volume of dog owners in Clitheroe, and it only takes a small proportion of these behaving irresponsibly to create a bigger issue.
64.	Stop people thinking they have the right to let their dog do whatever it wants in the countryside. Sheep and cattle are not there to provide a fun chase for someone's pet dog
65.	Fine more people who spoil it for everyone
66.	The contact details for the public to use when there is a dog problem should be widely and easily available, plus the use of what 3 words explained to the public, so the location of troublesome dogs can be accurately provided
67.	In Geneva where I was recently they have fenced off areas in public parks which allow dogs to run while still being separate from other users. Perhaps the council could consider something similar.
68.	Notices to remind some people that there is no poo bag fairy!
69.	It is irresponsible that dogs are allowed the freedom of ALL the castle grounds. There should be plenty of "dog free" areas as is the case in plenty of other towns. (e.g., Barrowford)
70.	I object to dogs having free run of ALL the castle grounds. The castle field could easily be sectioned into half or even 2/3rds to still allow for freedom of dog exercising and the other half or 1/3rd be used for the original intention of picnics and family activities.
71.	Make it clear where to report dog fouling and how to get it cleaned up
72.	Given dog ownership appears to have increased post Covid. Oversight needs to at least remain as status quo.
73.	We need more policing in regard to dog fouling/ dogs off leads. Around busy areas of Clitheroe, on numerous occasions I've come across dog faeces. I think if there was more of a deterrent it would help eliminate this problem. New / refreshed signage would maybe help too! Encourage owners to pick up.
74.	It's surely dog owners who need to understand how to look after their dogs because not

	all people love dogs. The long stretchy leads should be banned, accidents waiting to happen
75.	Set up designated and fenced dog exercise areas after public consultation on locations.
76.	See previous notes above, more dog-free areas are needed - suggested in shops, cafes, restaurants, takeaways, band stand auditorium in the park & near some of the benches - dogs should be banned totally. Also have you seen the dried dog pee outside all the shop fronts - maybe the traders could invest in a stiff brush, a bucket and some elbow grease and clean up their shop fronts, even the fancy shops are a right mess outside. I wonder how come cafes & restaurants get a 5 star rating by the council when they let dogs onto the premises e.g. in the dining areas? Also why are dogs in food shops? I used to work in retail, and it was not allowed, only guide dogs - I've seen them in the Texaco garage, and McColl's on Henthorn Lane. What happened to food hygiene? Also in pubs, they should not be in the dedicated dining area - businesses are losing out, as who wants to eat with someone else's dog staring at them or the general stink that they have indoors, even big dogs trying to eat off your plate! The internet is destroying society, followed a close second by dogs everywhere & irresponsible owners. More controls are needed not less.
77.	A dog warden would be a good idea but only if action was taken against offending dog owners. No good just warning them - that's a waste of money.
78.	everyone who owns a dog should be given the rules, from vets or dog grooming parlours etc
79.	The fines that are given out should be more widely publicised in order to ensure more dog owners are abiding by the rules to keep our area clean
80.	Utilisation of CCTV particularly in the Castle Park where it is already in place. Hidden cameras along Woone Lane where there is dog mess literally everywhere.
81.	Better control dangerous dog breeds
82.	Not sure how to enforce these sensible rules. Challenges by members of the public almost always result in verbal abuse.
83.	Provide the ability to report dog fouling via the LoveCleanStreets application and provide public information about dog fouling hot spots.
84.	Public parks, Brungerley, Castle grounds, dogs should be kept on leads.
85.	Dogs should remain on a lead in Castle Park. Too many dogs are jumping up at strangers, including children.
86.	New housing developments need to have dog waste bins or multi use bins. Residents are struggling to find waste bins.
87.	Dog fouling is unpleasant and unhealthy and still occurs. I don't see the benefit of having a consultation which gives people an option not to clear up after their dogs or to dilute safety.
88.	Far too many dogs in Clitheroe with the result of fouled pavements. Quiet corners of grass being used inappropriately
89.	Keep dogs on a lead, on parks and recreation areas.
90.	Reduce the number of dogs under one person's control to no more than 2.
91.	Putting cameras up in certain areas, especially where there are few or no poo bins e.g., Primrose nature reserve. Bigger signs which state the fine for not picking up and finally, more dog wardens or park patrolling.
92.	This certainly needs to be kept in place and in my opinion extended. There are many places that dogs can be exercised other than parks and fields where livestock are within the area. Perhaps another dog warden as well, as fouling, especially in the dark winter months is out of control.
93.	I think there could be stronger controls on dogs being muzzled when they are known to be aggressive. Particularly the pit bull types. I have met walkers on Castle Park that call out to say their dog is not friendly and to stay away. They struggle to keep hold of the dogs but if they did get free they have no other protection i.e., muzzle to stop an attack.

94.	Issue FREE poo bags to all dog owners like they do in Hyndburn. Create a large fenced off zone for dogs to be let off leads along with a sand patch for pooping. Larger or more dedicated waste bins where they repeatedly overflow. Have more signage on farmers gates warning to keep dogs on leads when it's lambing season. Have dog warden cease / issue warnings to dangerous dogs' owners - such as XL Bully's. (Often associated with drug dealers) so do more raids.
95.	Dogs to be kept on leads in all public places.
96.	Dogs to be kept on a lead in all public places.
97.	Keep at it. Sadly, dog owners often do not consider other members of the public.
98.	Monitoring of dog walking areas.
99.	Have effective dog wardens that liaise with other wardens in neighbouring boroughs
100	Dog owners must also dispose of dog bags in bins or take them home
101	Dogs should be on a lead on all public footpaths & they're ought to be a penalty for breaking this rule. Signs asking dog-owners to carry their dogs where pavements are busy & narrow.
102	Dogs are allowed to roam free on public footpaths & bridleways. This is not acceptable to people who are nervous of dogs and to the sheep and farm animals who are threatened by their presence.
103	Penalty should be at least doubled cause people still don't clean after their dogs therefore not being afraid to get a fine for their wrong doing.
104	Try to encourage dog owners to take dog waste home for disposal. Even when bins are used overflowing bins are revolting. Is there any possibility of the reintroduction of the dog licence?
105	Ensure every dog is DNA tested and any fouling should be DNA checked, the dog traced, and the owner prosecuted. For this to work, the dog license would need to be re-introduced. This policy is operational in Naples.
106	Enforce the present rules by DNA identification of offending animals in areas of concern and fining owners
107	No loose dogs at any time. Leads to be used at all times especially across fields.
108	More checking up. I've always got dog mess on my front lawn, and I never see anyone or dogs passing as they are often loose.
109	Registration of owner and dog
110	Enforcement is essential or the rules have no value. The wardens need to be out and about speaking to people warning errant dog owners where necessary or issuing penalties to repeat or blatant offenders. If the message gets out that enforcement is taking place this will have a massive impact. For example, dogs are regularly exercised on the football fields off Edisford Car Park, but I have never seen any wardens or enforcement. Just a few warnings would be effective and perhaps occasionally working early morning or evening.
111	Ensure dogs are licensed.
112	Insist that dogs which an owner acknowledges could be a potential danger or aggressive dog wears a muzzle
113	Too many dogs are off lead in too many public places and are at risk of attacking people or other dogs or livestock. The number dog owners have increased a lot recently! I have owned dogs previously and I am an animal lover even with these views
114	Please provide some notices asking those who have picked up the dog waste not to hang the plastic bags on fences and tree branches but dispose of them in appropriate receptacles
115	I really don't know what you can do. Maybe look to other counties and see if any of them have had any success with controlling dogs and their mess.
116	Always on lead where sheep are grazing
117	Invest in more enforcement procedures. People know they can easily flout the rules with no penalty.
118	Create dog parks / fields that dog owners can use without the worry of livestock or children being around. Obviously picking up poop after them should still be a rule.

119	Bigger fines, CCTV to track irresponsible dog owners, community service litter picking and collecting dog mess, more signs in large print, leaflet every household informing dog owners of their responsibility. Children walk family dogs, and they don't pick up the mess, let all parents know regardless of the dog walkers age the mess has to be picked up. I have been on a crusade for years with this issue. My garden has been used, my neighbours garden and when challenged the dog owner walked away. The following morning there was dog mess at the bottom of my drive. Obviously left there by a disgruntled dog owner. Disgraceful.
120	It would be better if there were more dog bins available
121	There is not enough surveillance of dog owners. There is fouling of footpaths, but nothing can be done as no one can confirm which dog did it so any regulations ate a waste of time!
122	Introduce more dog patrols on heavily used area, e.g., Dean Clough Reservoir
123	More patrols
124	Stop building so many houses so dog owners can exercise their animals in a safer environment away from the general public
125	Is this about dog control or dog fouling? More dog poo bins should be available. It's not pleasant having to walk a long way with dog poo and then have to take it home in a car. More bins would encourage people to pick up and use them. In Cornwall there are plenty, and no poo on the streets!
126	First offence should be cautioned, repeated offence fined. Continued defiance should result in removal of animal. If dog owners are not prepared to be responsible for their pets, they are not entitled to own one.
127	Ensure clear signage regarding where dogs aren't allowed. Put poo bag dispensers in public areas so dog owners have access to them if they haven't got bags with them. Ensure there are sufficient bins for disposal of poo bags and that these are emptied regularly.
128	Be proactive. The dog warden is often seen emptying dog bins or sat in their van. Surely this should be a more visible presence and be contactable more easily. They should also work more closely and proactively with the police. My daughter was attacked by a pack of SIX dogs on a public footpath. This was NOT the first time, one of at least 4 attacks known to the dog warden and police. Still nothing has been done. Next it may be a child
129	Implement higher fines
130	A dog which is known to be aggressive should be required to wear a muzzle whilst in a public space
131	More dog parks or fenced off areas within public spaces for the sole purpose of exercising dogs.
132	Vicious dog breeds that intimidate other dogs and the public should be on a lead in all public places, whether on a dangerous breed list or not. Government officers should enforce these following reports from the public.
133	Dog poo bags can be available within town centres and public parks. At cafés within parks, could poo bags be outside ready for emergency collection. The countryside code should be followed in all green spaces, urban and rural. You control your dog so that it doesn't scare or disturb farm animals or wildlife. In general, you don't have to put your dog on a lead on public paths, as long as they are under close control. always keep your dog on a lead or in sight be confident your dog will return on command make sure your dog does not stray from the path or area where you have right of access
134	Dogs on leads in public places including pavements. Enforcement of said notice.
135	I think the main issue with dogs really is people not training them properly and not disciplining them. In my experience many dog owners are very careless and will watch and do nothing as their dogs will bark aggressively and run up to people. There's nothing wrong with the rules, it's just people not bothering to control their dogs and their lack of regard for other people's safety.

136	All dogs should be on a short lead in public spaces at all times. Dogs often come up close to my young children. I also witnessed a dog biting a young child on the face in Clitheroe market a couple of weeks ago. Dogs are animals and despite training can be unpredictable, especially around children and other animals. Keep your dog on a lead, pick up its poo or don't have a dog.
137	I'm afraid the only way to stop those dog owners who won't pick up after their dog is to name and shame.
138	Officers vigilant and applying the controls where necessary.
139	Increase dog patrols and wardens.
140	More waste bins to help stop irresponsible (or sometimes forgetful) dog owners leaving used dog bags on the floor. For example, I know if dog owners that place used bags intending to pick them up on their return trip but forget or misplace where they had left it
141	No
142	Actually, fine and publish

### ***Consultation correspondence***

The Council also received the following correspondence relating to the consultation:

*Please note: Names and contact details have been redacted for the purpose of anonymity.*

Dear Sir/Madam.

In regards to people ~~on~~ with dogs allowing them to foul the public places, I feel strongly that control be kept that assured us of clean places to walk.

I am 90 years old so I have seen this change from when I was a small child. I was born in 1933 and at that time there were plenty of urinals for men, some even on roads over canals so that they drained into the canal. For ladies nothing except in the market area. They had to find a back to go in and hide each other by holding their skirts to give them some privacy. Little girls had to be held out over grates and little boys stand over the grate to relieve themselves. Would there dog owners who are too lazy to train their dogs like to see these dogs back.

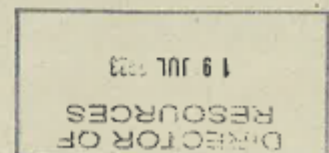
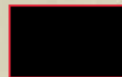
People who own cats should be forced to have litter trays not put them out to foul the streets and other peoples gardens. I have cats coming in my garden all through the night. I have a night camera so I can watch the wild life and am fed up with my seedling being scratched up and cat poo to be cleaned up. I have not put my address because some of the animal owners are quite offences. P.T.O.

Helping people out of poverty and getting  
clean water is admirable and I have  
supported that.

But is it going to be worth it if  
in future someone wants to take  
that improvement from them because  
they are asked to do something  
constructive.

I do hope you can make out  
this letter but my hand trembles,  
just one little thing that old age  
hands you -


Good Luck with your efforts  
to keep us with streets that are  
clean to walk on.



**Email. RE: Fouling**

-----Original Message-----

From: Councillor [REDACTED] Barrow Parish Council  
<cllr.[REDACTED]@barrowparishcouncil.org.uk>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2023 8:55 AM  
To: Survey <[survey@ribblevalley.gov.uk](mailto:survey@ribblevalley.gov.uk)>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@[REDACTED].org.uk>  
Subject: Fouling

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Hi [REDACTED],

There are a lot of dog owners in barrow. The majority of them pick their dog poo up. There are residents which are complaining about dogs on the big park. There is a sign up No Dogs Allowed but obviously they choose to ignore.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]  
Barrow parish councillor

**Response Email. RE: Fouling**

-----Original Message-----

From: Survey  
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2023 2:37 PM  
To: Councillor [REDACTED] Barrow Parish Council  
<cllr.[REDACTED]@[REDACTED].org.uk>  
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@barrowparishcouncil.org.uk>  
Subject: RE: Fouling

Dear Councillor [REDACTED],

Many thanks for your email and the information that you have provided. I will include your comments with all those received as part of the final consultation documentation.

Kind regards.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Principal Policy & Performance Officer Ribble Valley Borough Council, Council Offices, Church Walk, Clitheroe, Lancashire BB7 2RA  
T: 01200 [REDACTED] | E: [REDACTED]@ribblevalley.gov.uk | W: [www.ribblevalley.gov.uk](http://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk)

**Email. RE: Ribble Valley Council Consultation on Continuing Controls on Dogs in Public**

From: [REDACTED]@yahoo.co.uk <[REDACTED]@yahoo.co.uk>  
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 2:15 PM  
To: Survey <[survey@ribblevalley.gov.uk](mailto:survey@ribblevalley.gov.uk)>  
Cc: [enquiries@ribblevalley.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@ribblevalley.gov.uk)  
Subject: Re: Ribble Valley Council Consultation on Continuing Controls on Dogs in Public

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Hello

Just out of interest, how many fines have been issued (and actually paid) under the

Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order?

Thanks

***Response Email RE: Ribble Valley Council Consultation on Continuing Controls on Dogs in Public***

From: Survey

Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2023 4:08 PM

To: [REDACTED]@yahoo.co.uk

Subject: RE: Ribble Valley Council Consultation on Continuing Controls on Dogs in Public

Dear [REDACTED],

Many thanks for your enquiry email about the number of fines that have been issued (and actually paid) under the Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)? Since the PSPO came into force on 20 October 2017, eight fines have been issued (and paid) for breach of the PSPO.

Kind regards

[REDACTED] | Principal Policy & Performance Officer

Ribble Valley Borough Council, Council Offices, Church Walk, Clitheroe, Lancashire BB7 2RA.

W: [www.ribblevalley.gov.uk](http://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk)

## RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE

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meeting date: 31.08.2023  
title: CLITHEROE MARKET REGULATIONS 2023  
submitted by: CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
principal author: ANDREW DENT – HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

### 1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek approval for the 2023 Market Regulations from committee further to review.
- 1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:
- Community Objectives – To sustain a strong and prosperous Ribble Valley.
  - Corporate Priorities – To ensure a well-managed Council providing efficient services based on identified customer needs.

### 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Clitheroe Market is a bustling, diverse marketplace and a real asset to the borough.
- 2.2 The market is situated on Council land and is consequently managed and licenced by the authority.
- 2.3 When a person/business is granted permission to trade on the market, they are issued with a licence; attached to the licence are the Market Regulations. These regulations contain a number of conditions that must be adhered too by all traders.

### 3 ISSUES AND SOLUTIONS

- 3.1 It is evident that the conditions within the market regulations have never been formally agreed by committee and over the years conditions have been added, removed and amended by officers managing the market. Consequently, traders currently operating on the market have different versions of the regulations with differing conditions.
- 3.2 Reviewing the conditions within previous Market Regulations, some are also poorly worded and extremely difficult to understand, these conditions need to be redrafted so they are clear and understandable. An example of a previous version of the Market Regulations (2022) is shown in **Annex 1**.
- 3.3 The proposed 2023 Market Regulations (**Annex 2**) shows the redrafted version to be agreed.
- 3.4 The proposed 2023 Market Regulations were circulated to all current traders on the market for consultation on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Representations relating to any of the conditions could be made to the Head of Environmental Health by the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023 for consideration.

- 3.5 Three emails were received by the Head of Environmental Health during the consultation period. In summary, the consultees stated that:
- Providing all traders have one set of rules, it should make things easier.
  - The new regulations should be made accessible to all traders and need to be policed.
  - Condition 11 only relates to stalls, should this include pitches and cabins.
- 3.6 There was a typo with condition 11 and this was amended to include stalls, pitches and cabins. Notification of this change was communicated to traders in writing.
- 3.7 For transparency purposes, the agreed Market Regulations will be uploaded to the market trader section of the Council's webpage for all traders/potential traders to access.
- 3.8 Existing traders will also be informed in writing that the agreed regulations are what will apply forthwith; a paper copy of the regulations will be circulated to all traders as it is acknowledged not everyone has access to a computer.

#### **4 RISK ASSESSMENT**

- 4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:
- Resources – No implications envisaged.
  - Technical, Environmental and Legal – No implications envisaged. Presenting clear conditions should aide the Council with taking necessary action should there be breaches of the Market Regulations.
  - Political – There may be some discontent amongst traders who find they are now made to operate to different conditions, this may be reported to local Councillors.
  - Reputation – Some traders may be aggrieved by the renewed conditions within the Market Regulations due to the changes. However, providing clear conditions within the Market Regulations that apply equally to all the traders and ensuring these regulations are always accessible promotes equality and transparency.
  - Equality & Diversity – To ensure equality, the agreed market regulations will be published online and provided in paper form; its acknowledged not everyone has access to a computer.

**5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

5.1 Approve the 2023 Market Regulations that will become operational forthwith.

ANDREW DENT  
HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

MARSHAL SCOTT  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**ANNEXES:**

- Annex 1, The 2022 Market Regulations (historical)
- Annex 2, The 2023 Market Regulations (To be agreed)

For further information please ask for Andrew Dent, extension 4466

**ANNEX 1.**

## **CLITHEROE MARKET REGULATIONS (2022)**

1. These regulations shall apply equally to all persons who trade on Clitheroe market whether from a stall, pitch or cabin.
2. The trader shall only be the person licensed by the agreement with the Council, and shall be required to attend the market personally to trade on each market day. In the event of illness or holidays, and provided the agreement of the Market Superintendent is obtained, the trader may nominate a substitute. Absence of more than three weeks by the trader may result in termination of that Licence.
3. No stall or pitch or cabin may be permanently transferred for use by another person without written permission from the Ribble Valley Borough Council. Nor shall the trader assign transfer sub-licence or part with the possession of the said stall, pitch or cabin or any part thereof to any person, firm, company or body of persons or allow any other person to be associated with the trader in connection with the occupation of the said cabin either as a partner or in any other way provided always:

(1)(a) that a trader who has at least three years continuous possession of the stall, pitch or cabin shall if the trader has traded throughout that period in the same line of goods be entitled to assign and transfer the Licence to a nominee selling the same line of goods;

(b)the nominee to be approved by the Council such approval not to be unreasonably withheld but otherwise at the discretion of the Council having regard to all the circumstances of the case;

(c)the Council to be joined as a party to such assignment/transfer and to receive a brokerage fee equivalent to £ 150 or 2½ per cent (whichever is the greater) of the price paid by the nominee or received by the trader for any goodwill, stock or other monies paid consequent upon transfer, howsoever expressed.

(d)the nominee will be required to pay to the Council a sum equal to the deposit required in the agreement for the Licence calculated on the rent payable at the time of the assignment/transfer.

4. The market will be open for trading between the hours of 7.00am and 6.00pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays (General Market) or such other days including additional days as the Council may allow from time to time.
5. The Market Superintendent must be notified by 8.00am if the stall is not required.
6. The Market Superintendent has the right to re-allocate any stall not occupied by 8.30am.
7. The Market Superintendent will use his best endeavours to ensure that the stall is not let to a trader selling the same line of goods as the regular trader.

8. Any particular stall not occupied for three consecutive weeks may be re-allocated by the Market Superintendent at his discretion.
9. The market traders' vehicles will only be permitted within the market area between the hours of 7.00-9.00am and between 4.00-6.00pm.
10. Every stall must be open as a minimum between the hours of 9.00am - 4.00pm and no vehicles shall be allowed to enter the trading area between those hours.
11. The Market Superintendent shall have the discretion to refuse the allocation of a stall, pitch or cabin.
12. The Market Superintendent will endeavour to keep a balanced trade. Not more than three traders shall be allowed to sell similar articles. This may be exceeded if there are any vacant stalls at 9.00am on market days.
13. No trader shall sell a different commodity from his/her normal trade without the prior approval of the Market Superintendent, who will maintain a list of the normal goods sold by each trader.
14. Wherever possible there will be at least two stalls between traders selling similar goods.
15. Traders are responsible for providing, maintaining and storing their own trestles, duckboards and side sheets etc.

16. Footpaths and areas in front of cabins should generally be kept clear and the display of goods on these areas shall be limited to an area measuring three feet from the front face of the stall, pitch or cabin, provided always that the Market Superintendent shall retain the right to prohibit such displays where necessary, and at no time shall access by public be unreasonably obstructed.
17. The market site shall be left tidy at the close of trading by each trader and each trader shall be responsible for depositing their rubbish in the containers or vehicle provided by the Council.
18. Traders may use the market kitchen with the consent of the Market Superintendent. It shall be the responsibility of each individual trader to clear and clean the kitchen after their use, and failure to do this will result in their exclusion from the market kitchen by the Market Superintendent.
19. The trader shall not bring on to the market or keep on the market premises any animal.
20. All traders must comply with all current legislation relating to the employment of children and young persons.
21. All traders must comply with current legislation with regard to food hygiene.

22. The trader shall observe and comply with all fire regulations and directions in relation to fire regulations specified by the Council or the Local Fire Authority or required by statute.
23. The trader shall observe and comply with all regulations and requirements of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 and also any other regulations relating to employees of the Licensee so far as they relate to the allocated space and the business of the Licensee carried on in it.
24. The trader shall indemnify the Council against all and any claims or demands (whenever made) and all costs and expenses incurred by the Council relating to or arising out of the use of the stall/cabin/pitch by the trader including any claims which may at any time be made against the Council (whether under the Occupier's Liability Act 1957 or otherwise) in relation to the stall/cabin/pitch including any claim made by any of the trader's employees arising wholly or in part from any act or omission of the trader.
25. The trader shall adequately insure the trader's goods and the trader's fixtures and fittings, to take out public liability and third-party insurance in respect of the trader's use and possession of the cabin/stall/pitch and in both cases to produce on demand evidence of such insurance to the Council.
26. The trader shall remove all the trader's merchandise and fixtures and fittings of a temporary nature which may be put in or upon the cabin/stall/pitch by the trader during the continuance of the Licence

upon the termination of this Licence however determined and to leave the allocated cabin/stall/pitch clean and in good repair.

27. The trader shall indemnify the Council for any damage to the Council's fixtures, fittings, structures or other property caused by the trader.
28. The trader shall not alter or add to the structure of the stall, pitch or cabin including any modifications to the electrical (or plumbing) systems without first obtaining the consent of the Council.
29. The trader shall not damage or deface any part of the stall, pitch or cabin.
30. The trader shall display (in the case of cabins) at the allocated space a suitable sign stating the trader's name, trade and cabin number. Such sign to be of a form and design previously approved by the Council. The Council's consent also to be obtained to any design or any repainting of the sign and such repainting to take place before a period of two years has expired from the last date that the sign was painted, provided always that if the trader does not comply with this requirement the Council may arrange for the painting of the sign, and the cost of doing so be borne by the trader and be payable on demand by the Council.
31. No fixtures or fittings shall be attached to the timber fascia signs
32. Nothing shall be hung from/ attached to the cabin canopies (including products for sale and light fixtures)

33. During period of high winds, the canopies shall not be extended to their full extent to avoid damage to the canopies
34. Traders must supply to the Market Superintendent any information which he may require in order to enable the Council to fulfil its statutory obligations.
35. The Council is under a duty to protect the public funds it administers and to this end may use this information for the prevention and detection of fraud. It may also share this information with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds for these purposes.
36. Stallage will be charged in accordance with the scales determined by the Ribble Valley Borough Council from time to time. Such charges may be altered by the Council or its designated officer by one week's notice in writing.
37. Nothing in these regulations should be construed to conflict with any separate agreements or licences granted by the Council in respect of individual stalls or cabins.
38. The Ribble Valley Borough Council reserve the right to vary or extend these regulations at any time.

## **Annex 2.**

### **CLITHEROE MARKET REGULATIONS 2023**

1. These regulations shall apply equally to all persons who trade on Clitheroe market whether from a stall, pitch or cabin ("trader").
2. The trader shall only be the person licensed by the agreement with the Council and shall be required to attend the market personally to trade on each market day. In the event of illness or holidays, and provided the agreement of the Market Superintendent has been obtained, the trader may nominate a substitute. Absence of more than three weeks by the trader may result in termination of their Licence.
3. A trader shall not assign/transfer the licence for occupation of a stall, cabin or pitch without written consent from the Council. The Council may consent to such transfer/assignment in circumstances where:
  - (a) A trader has a minimum of two years continuous occupation of the stall, pitch or cabin.
  - (b) The person to whom it is proposed to transfer the licence to ("nominee") sells the same line of goods as the trader.
  - (c) The Council is included as a party to the transfer/assignment and shall receive a brokerage fee equivalent to £150 or 2½ per cent (whichever is the greater) of the sum paid by the nominee in the transfer/assignment; or received by the trader for any goodwill, stock or other monies paid following the transfer/assignment.
  - (d) The nominee pays the standard deposit for a stall, pitch or cabin.
4. No trader shall sub-licence their stall, pitch or cabin, or any part thereof, to any person, firm, company.
5. The market will be open for trading between the hours of 7.00am and 6.00pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays (General Market) or such other days as the Council may allow
6. The Market Superintendent must be notified by 8.00am if a stall is not required.
7. The Market Superintendent has the right to re-allocate any stall not occupied by 8.30am.
8. The Market Superintendent will use their best endeavours to ensure that a stall is not let to a trader selling the same line of goods as the regular trader.
9. Any stall not occupied for three consecutive weeks may be re-allocated by the Market Superintendent at his discretion.
10. Market traders' vehicles will only be permitted within the market area between the hours of 7.00 - 9.00am and between 4.00 - 6.00pm.

11. Every stall, pitch or cabin must be open as a minimum between the hours of 9.00am - 4.00pm.
12. The Market Superintendent shall have the discretion to refuse the allocation of a stall, pitch or cabin.
13. The Market Superintendent will endeavour to keep a balanced trade. No more than three traders shall be allowed to sell similar articles. This may be exceeded if there are any vacant stalls at 9.00am on market days.
14. No trader shall sell a different commodity from his/her normal trade without the prior approval of the Market Superintendent, who will maintain a list of the normal goods sold by each trader.
15. Wherever possible, there will be at least two stalls between traders selling similar goods.
16. Traders are responsible for providing, maintaining and storing their own trestles, duckboards and side sheets etc.
17. Footpaths and areas in front of stalls, pitches and cabins shall be kept clear to prevent obstruction. The display of goods on these areas shall be limited to an area measuring three feet from the front face of the stall, pitch or cabin. Displays may be extended, further to approval by the Market Superintendent. The Market Superintendent shall retain the right to prohibit displays where necessary.
18. The market site shall be left tidy at the close of trading by each trader. Each trader shall be responsible for depositing their rubbish in the containers or vehicle provided by the Council.
19. Traders may use the market kitchen with the consent of the Market Superintendent. It shall be the responsibility of each individual trader to clear and clean the kitchen after use; failure to do this will result in their exclusion from the market kitchen.
20. Traders shall not bring onto the market or keep on the market any animal.
21. Traders must comply with all current legislation relating to the employment of children and young persons.
22. Traders must comply with current legislation relating to food hygiene.
23. Traders shall comply with all fire regulations and follow any directions given to them by the Local Authority or Local Fire Authority relating to fire safety.
24. Traders must comply with relevant health and safety legislation and regulations, examples include: The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998, the Electricity at Work Regulations 1989.
25. Traders shall indemnify the Council against any claims or demands (whenever made) and all costs and expenses incurred by the Council relating to, or arising out of, the use of the stall/cabin/pitch by the trader (whether under the Occupier's Liability Act 1957 or otherwise). This includes any claim made by any of the trader's employees arising wholly or in part from any act or omission of the trader.

26. Traders shall adequately insure their goods and their fixtures and fittings. Traders shall also take out public liability and third-party insurance in respect of the trader's use and possession of the cabin/stall/pitch and in both cases produce on demand evidence of such insurance to the Council.
27. Traders shall remove all their merchandise and fixtures and fittings of a temporary nature which may be put in or upon the cabin/stall/pitch by the trader during the continuance of the Licence. Upon termination of a Licence, however determined, the allocated cabin/stall/pitch must be left clean and in good repair.
28. Traders shall indemnify the Council for any damage to the Council's fixtures, fittings, structures or other property caused by the trader.
29. Traders shall not alter or add to the structure of the stall, pitch or cabin (including any modifications to the electrical or plumbing systems), without first obtaining written consent from the Supermarket Intendant.
30. Traders shall not damage or deface any part of the stalls, pitches or cabins.
31. Traders of the cabins shall display at the allocated space, a suitable sign stating the trader's name and trade details. The sign must be of a design and form previously approved by the Council. The Council's consent must be obtained where there is a design change or any repainting.
32. Traders of the cabins shall not attach fixtures or fittings to the timber fascia signs.
33. Traders of the cabins shall not attach or hang anything to the canopies (including products for sale and light fixtures).
34. Traders of the cabins must ensure that during periods of high wind, the canopies are not extended to their full extent to avoid damage.
35. No single trader shall possess more than 2 cabins.  
  
*The Head of Environmental Health has the discretion to grant a single trader more than 2 cabins ONLY in a situation where there're no takers for a vacant cabin.*
36. Traders must supply to the Market Superintendent any information which he/she may require to enable the Council to fulfil its statutory obligations.  
  
*The Council is under a duty to protect the public funds it administers and to this end may use this information for the prevention and detection of fraud. It may also share this information with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds for these purposes.*
37. Stallage will be charged in accordance with the scales determined by Ribble Valley Borough Council. Where charges are subject to change, the Council will notify traders in writing.
38. Nothing in these regulations should be construed to conflict with any separate agreements or licences granted by the Council in respect of individual stalls or cabins.

39. Ribble Valley Borough Council reserves the right to vary or extend these regulations at any time.

## **RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE**

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meeting date: THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST 2023  
title: DELEGATION TO PURCHASE TWO TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION UNITS  
submitted by: NICOLA HOPKINS – DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING  
principal author: RACHAEL STOTT – HOUSING STRATEGY OFFICER

### **1 PURPOSE**

1.1 To request Committee's agreement to purchase two temporary accommodation units within the Borough to add to our stock of temporary accommodation.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives – To meet the housing needs of all sections of the community.
- Corporate Priorities - To match the supply of homes in our area with the identified housing needs.
- Other Considerations - To deliver the Council's approved five-year capital programme.

### **2 BACKGROUND**

2.1 Earlier this year Full Council approved the Council's five-year capital programme. This Committee was advised of the approved capital programme for 2023/24 at the 23 June 2023 meeting.

2.2 One of the capital schemes is the Temporary Housing Scheme which secured £304,580 for the purchase of two units of accommodation; one in Clitheroe and one in Longridge. Annex 1 to the report details the scheme approved.

### **3 ISSUES**

3.1 To progress this matter and to be able to secure properties in the current housing market, delegation to purchase is sought.

3.2 The preference would be to purchase a ground floor, 1 or 2 bed flat in both locations. Ground floor flats ensure the accommodation is accessible, affordable, and suitable to provide temporary accommodation for single people or families who present as homeless. There is an increased demand for temporary accommodation and therefore it is important we secure additional units that will be suitable for the different household types that present to us. The accommodation selected will be based on market availability and price including any necessary renovation works. This will ensure that accommodation is secured as quickly as possible within budget.

### **4 RISK ASSESSMENT**

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources – The capital budget of £304,580.00 is approved as part of the Council's five-year capital programme.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – At the point of purchase legal will be involved in the acquisition.
- Political – None.
- Reputation – None.
- Equality & Diversity – Accessibility and all housing needs will be considered.

## 5 **RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

- 5.1 Grant delegated authority to the Director of Economic Development and Planning in consultation with Chair of Health and Housing, to negotiate and purchase two temporary accommodation units in line with the 2023/24 capital programme.

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## BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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## Temporary Housing Scheme

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**Service Area: Housing and Regeneration**

**Submitted by: Head of Strategic Planning and Housing**

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**Brief Description of the Scheme:**

This project focuses on the delivery of additional flexibility for the Council to meet demands for temporary housing. It proposes the purchase of two units of accommodation, one to serve Clitheroe and one to serve the Longridge area. These units would be operated as temporary short stay accommodation, but could also provide the flexibility to meet temporary safe house provision in connection with the Council's Domestic Abuse duties if necessary. Increasing demands on temporary accommodation are leading to greater use of bed and breakfast accommodation which is not appropriate in relation to families and victims of Domestic Abuse. Supplementing the general accommodation available at the Council's homeless unit (Joiners Arms), it would enable the Council to respond to demand of the service by offering a wider temporary offer.

**Revenue Implications:**

Expenditure per annum (cleaning, repairs, council tax, utilities, insurance and furnishings) = £6,000.

Rent and service charge income per annum = -£8,500.

**Timescale for Completion:**

It is anticipated that as a minimum properties could be delivered within 6 months from the commencement of the capital year, subject to suitable properties becoming available.

**Any Risks to Completion:**

The cost of property will be subject to market fluctuations, the risk that conveyancing can break down before completion and that suitable properties in an appropriate condition cannot be sourced.

**Capital Cost:**

2023/24 £
304,580

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## RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

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meeting date: 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2023  
 title: SUGGESTED PRIORITY WORK AREAS FOR THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING WORKING GROUP  
 submitted by: DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING  
 principal author: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

### 1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide Committee with suggested priority areas for the work of the Health and Wellbeing Working Group following the first meeting of the Group on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023.
- 1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities
  - Community Objectives - To help make people's lives healthier and safer.

### 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 It is the Health and Housing Committee that decide the work areas for the Health and Wellbeing Working Group. To assist in this decision, the Health and Wellbeing Working Group met on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023 to receive information on the current health landscape and to discuss priority areas of work that would have the most impact on the health and wellbeing of Ribble Valley residents.
- 2.2 This report summarises those discussions for Committees consideration.
- 2.3 At a County level, major developments are taking place regarding the design and delivery of future health and wellbeing services. The Integrated Care Board for Lancashire and Cumbria is now established, and it is developing a "Place Based" model which will work on a district footprint. This work will be led by a local Health and Wellbeing Partnership which has yet to be constituted. This partnership will bring together key stakeholders such as the NHS, Primary Care Network, the Community and Voluntary Sector, Mental Health and the District Councils. It is suggested that the Working Group be a key consultee in the design and development of the partnership and monitor its progress and effectiveness. The Working Group propose that three of its members should sit on the partnership, namely Cllr Hirst, Cllr Ray and Cllr Brown.
- 2.4 Information provided to the Working Group showed that Ribble Valley scores positively against other Lancashire Authorities on almost all health indicators. Areas where Ribble Valley performs poorly are:

#### ***Access to services***

This covers access to GP services and pharmacies.

#### ***Cardiovascular disease***

Ribble Valley scores lower than the Lancashire average on cardiovascular disease which could be due to an older population and people living longer, thus developing this condition.

#### ***High blood pressure***

High blood pressure is also more prevalent than the national average.

- 2.5 The health services consider that the provision of preventative community interventions can assist in the reduction of the prevalence of these illnesses as well as making the general population healthier overall.

- 2.5 The Working Group recognise that the health landscape is incredibly complex and it can be overly concerned about structures and treatment rather than focusing on prevention and local need. Councillors have possibly the strongest understanding of the needs of their local community and as such the Working Group, through the partnership, does need to be a strong voice for the needs of local residents. In terms of delivery however, patient care and treatment will rest with the health care professionals. Where the Council and the Working Group can add maximum value is in the co-ordination of maximising community and partner engagement in health activities.
- 2.6 It is therefore proposed by the group that the Working Group should focus on establishing mechanisms for obtaining an understanding of the whole picture regarding health activities in the community and that partnerships and connections are strengthened to have maximum impact.

### **3 ISSUES**

- 3.1 The key concern of the Working Group is that the health landscape is vast and complicated with a great deal of strategic capacity in place. Identifying where the Working Group can have most impact is crucial, and the Working Group consider they have done this in the recommendations of this report. The Health and Wellbeing Partnership is in its infancy and will need careful monitoring by the Working Group to ensure it serves the people of Ribble Valley effectively.
- 3.2 It is considered by the Working Group that there is a great deal of excellent community activity taking place by the council, other partners and by the community itself. By understanding this activity and by linking it together and promoting it, the group feel that even more impact could be achieved. It is envisaged longer term that the health and wellbeing partnerships could be responsible for commissioning local services and by better understanding all provisions, the Working Group will be in a better position to make suggestions on future investment.
- 3.3 Access to services is a key issue for Ribble Valley, to both GP's and pharmacies. Limited public transport exacerbates this problem. Effective signposting, mobile services and outreach services are all areas the Working Group would wish to look at.

### **4 WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1.1 The Working Group have carefully considered those areas of work which will provide the most benefit to the residents of Ribble Valley. On the basis of the issues within the Borough along with the input possible at a District Council level the Working Group considered that consideration of the barriers to services is where the work of the Group would be of most value.
- 4.1.2 The Working Group made the following recommendations for consideration by Committee:
- Influencing the work of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership
  - Examining access to services and how difficulties in reaching health facilities and pharmacies can be overcome.
  - Map council, partner and community health and wellbeing activities which contribute to better health and wellbeing so that better linkages and promotion can take place.
- 4.1.3 Regular updates would be reported back to this Committee.

## **5 RISK ASSESSMENT**

5.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources –there are no resources implications as a direct result of the approval of this report.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – Legal Services were consulted and their comments are included in this report.
- Political – N/A
- Reputation – N/A
- Equality and Diversity- will be a consideration when considering matters such as access to services. Any suggestions of the group going forward may be subject to an equalities impact assessment.

## **6 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

6.1 Approve the Director of Economic Development and the Head of Strategic Planning and Housing along with Councillor Stuart Hirst, Councillor Rachel Ray and Councillor Ian Brown are proposed as Members of the local Health and Wellbeing Partnership following its constitution.

6.2 Approve the priorities of the Working Group as being:

- To examine access to health and wellbeing services and to consider ways in which access to those services could be improved. Such suggestions would be first agreed by this Committee and then fed into the Health and Wellbeing Partnership.
- To map council, partner and community health and wellbeing activities which contribute to better health and wellbeing so that better linkages and promotion can take place.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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## RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

meeting date: 31 AUGUST 2023  
title: CAPITAL MONITORING 2023/24  
submitted by: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES AND DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
principal author: LAWSON ODDIE

### 1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To report the progress on this Committee's 2023/24 capital programme for the period to the end of June 2023.
- 1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:
- Community Objectives – none identified.
  - Corporate Priorities – to continue to be a well-managed council, providing efficient services based on identified customer need.
  - Other considerations – none identified.

### 2 2023/24 CAPITAL PROGRAMME BACKGROUND

- 2.1 There were 7 capital schemes that were originally approved for this committee totalling £2,860,440 (including budget and schemes moved from 2022/23). These were approved by the Policy and Finance Committee and Full Council at their meetings in February 2023 and March 2023 respectively.
- 2.2 At the 2022/23 year-end, it was identified that there were 7 schemes that had not been completed. The balance of budget for these schemes was £1,006,190, and the transfer of this budget to the 2023/24 financial year is known as slippage and was approved by this committee at the meeting held on 8 June 2023.
- 2.3 As a result of the above, the total approved budget for this Committee's capital programme of 10 schemes is £3,866,630. This is provided in detail at Annex 1.

### 3 CAPITAL MONITORING 2023/24

- 3.1 The table below summarises the position on the capital programme for this committee.

	Scheme Count	£
Original Estimate 2023/24	3	747,580
Schemes and Budget moved from 2022/23	4	2,112,860
<b>Total Original Estimate as per Budget Book</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2,860,440</b>
Slippage from 2022/23	3	1,006,190
Additional Approvals in year 2023/24	0	0
<b>Current Total Approved Budget 2023/24</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3,866,630</b>
Actual Spend and Commitments – April to June		588,042
<b>Remaining Budget as at the end of June 2023</b>		<b>3,278,588</b>

- 3.2 At the end of the first quarter of 2023/24, £588,042 had been spent or committed. This is 15.2% of the full year approved capital programme budget for this Committee of £3,866,630.

- 3.3 Shown at Annex 1 is a table showing a breakdown of the position at the end of the first quarter by scheme.
- 3.4 Annex 2 provides a summary of each of the schemes and the current position on progress.
- 4 CONCLUSION
- 4.1 At the end of June 2023 £588,042 had been spent or committed. This is 15.2% of the full year approved capital programme budget for this Committee of £3,866,630.
- 4.2 The position on the 10 schemes at the end of the first quarter can be summarised as shown below:

Current Position	Current Status	Scheme Count	Full Year Budget £	Spend and Commitments to end of June £	Remaining Budget as at end of June £
Unlikely to be completed within the financial year	<b>R</b>	5	3,474,290	523,194	2,951,096
Currently expected to be fully or substantially completed in year	<b>A</b>	4	385,930	57,960	327,970
Scheme completed	<b>G</b>	1	6,410	6,888	-478
<b>Total</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>3,866,630</b>	<b>588,042</b>	<b>3,278,588</b>

HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES AND  
DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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For further background information please ask for Lawson Oddie.  
BACKGROUND PAPERS – None



## ANNEX 1

## Health and Housing Committee – Capital Programme 2023/24

Cost Centre	Scheme	Original Estimate 2023/24 £	Budget Moved from 2022/23 £	Slippage from 2022/23 £	Additional Approvals 2023/24 £	Current Total Approved Budget 2023/24 £	Actual Expenditure including Commitments as at end of June 2023 £	Remaining Budget as at end of June 2023 £	Percent of Budget Spent or Committed at end of June 2023 %	Current Status
AHLON	Affordable Housing - Longridge		1,625,950			1,625,950	0	1,625,950	0.0%	R
CLIAH	Clitheroe Affordable Housing Scheme			8,370		8,370	0	8,370	0.0%	A
DISCP	Disabled Facilities Grants	393,000		773,750		1,166,750	480,472	686,278	41.2%	R
EQSOS	Equity Share Option Schemes		422,130			422,130	0	422,130	0.0%	R
FTBGR	First Time Buyers Grants			92,330		92,330	38,363	53,967	41.5%	R
JROOF	Joiners Arms Roof Renewal			6,410		6,410	6,888	-478	107.5%	G
LANGR	Landlord/Tenant Grants	50,000		117,130		167,130	4,359	162,771	2.6%	R
PVEYC	Replacement of Dog Warden Van PE64 EYC		32,500	4,100		36,600	28,980	7,620	79.2%	A
PVFJP	Replacement of Pest Control Van PK13 FJP		32,280	4,100		36,380	28,980	7,400	79.7%	A
TEMPH	Temporary Housing Scheme	304,580				304,580	0	304,580	0.0%	A
<b>Total Health and Housing Committee</b>		<b>747,580</b>	<b>2,112,860</b>	<b>1,006,190</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,866,630</b>	<b>588,042</b>	<b>3,278,588</b>	<b>15.2%</b>	

## Health and Housing Committee – Capital Programme 2023/24

### AHLON: Affordable Housing - Longridge

Budget Holder: Rea Psillidou

**Latest Status:** Unlikely to be completed within the financial year



#### **Brief Description of the Scheme:**

An overall budget of £2,048,080 for use of Affordable Housing S106 funding was approved by Policy and Finance Committee in March 2022, including some individual locality-based equity share option schemes, totalling £422,130, and approval to spend £1,625,950 S106 funding received re Land North of Dilworth Lane, Longridge on affordable housing. A separate proposal for use of the S106 funding re Land North of Dilworth Lane, Longridge is to be presented to members once more information is collated. This scheme relates purely to the Longridge Affordable Housing element

#### **Summary Budget Position 2023/24**

	2023/24
Original Estimate 2023/24	0
Budget Moved from 2022/23	1,625,950
Approved Slippage from 2022/23	0
Additional Approvals 2023/24	0
<b>Current Total Approved Budget 2023/24</b>	<b>1,625,950</b>
Actual Expenditure including Commitments as at end of June 2023	0
<b>Remaining Budget as at end of June 2023</b>	<b>1,625,950</b>

#### **Budget Holder Comments:**

**June 2023:** Report to be presented to Health and Housing Committee in August 2023. Whilst unlikely to be spent in year, the monies will be fully Committed.

**March 2023:** The scheme had been moved to the 2023/24 capital programme at revised estimate time

**September 2022:** There has been no spend on this scheme to date, because a separate proposal for use of the Land North of Dilworth Lane, Longridge S106 funding will be presented to members once more information is collated. At this stage it is unlikely that the budget on this scheme will be fully committed by financial year-end.

**June 2022:** There has been no spend on this scheme to date, because a separate proposal for use of the Land North of Dilworth Lane, Longridge S106 funding will be presented to members once more information is collated. At this stage it is unlikely that the budget on this scheme will be fully committed by financial year-end.

## Health and Housing Committee – Capital Programme 2023/24

### CLIAH: Clitheroe Affordable Housing Scheme

Budget Holder: Rea Psillidou

**Latest Status:** Currently expected to be fully or substantially completed in year

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#### Brief Description of the Scheme:

The purchase of one property in Clitheroe to be rented out as an affordable rental unit, utilising commuted sum monies. The property will be leased to a registered provider and the Council will have 100% nomination rights and the rent will be capped at LHA rate. This scheme was approved by Policy and Finance Committee in November 2020. The final refurbishment budget initially slipped to 2021/22, to 2022/23, and then to 2023/24 as the property is being used temporarily as a homeless let.

#### Summary Budget Position 2023/24

	2023/24
Original Estimate 2023/24	0
Budget Moved from 2022/23	0
Approved Slippage from 2022/23	8,370
Additional Approvals 2023/24	0
<b>Current Total Approved Budget 2023/24</b>	<b>8,370</b>
Actual Expenditure including Commitments as at end of June 2023	0
<b>Remaining Budget as at end of June 2023</b>	<b>8,370</b>

#### Budget Holder Comments:

**June 2023:** It is hoped that the work will be completed by the end of December when the current occupants have been re-homed

**March 2023:** Roof works and boiler replacement works have been completed in 2022/23. The property has been used as a homeless unit of late and final refurbishment works are required to be completed before the property is leased to the registered housing provider, as originally intended. This remaining budget will allow this work to be completed in 2023/24.

**September 2022:** Roof works and boiler replacement works have been completed in-year so far on the property at Peel Street. However, the property is still being used as a homeless unit until November 2022, because of increased demand for temporary accommodation for larger families. Following this, any final refurbishment works required can be completed and the property leased to the registered housing provider by financial year-end.

**June 2022:** Roof works and boiler replacement works have been completed in-year so far on the property at Peel Street. However, the property is still being used as a homeless unit until November 2022, because of increased demand for temporary accommodation for larger families. Following this, any final refurbishment works required can be completed and the property leased to the registered housing provider by financial year-end.

**March 2022:** Use as a homeless unit has continued throughout 2021/22 and into 2022/23 to cover initially for Flats 1 and 2 at Joiners Arms being out of service and most recently because of an increased demand for temporary accommodation for larger families. As a result of this the final refurbishment works on this scheme were not completed in 2021/22. The latest plan is for this property to be used as a homeless unit until November 2022, at which point the refurbishment can be completed and the property leased to the registered provider for affordable rent. Slippage of £11,770 into 2022/23 is requested to fund the final refurbishment works required.

**November 2021:** The property is still being temporarily used as a homeless let until the Joiners Arms Flats 1 and 2 Renovation scheme is completed, meaning the final refurbishment works are

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still to be completed. At this stage, subject to the return of flats 1 and 2 into use it is possible that this work may now be completed within the programme year.

**September 2021:** The property is still being temporarily used as a homeless let until the Joiners Arms Flats 1 and 2 Renovation scheme is completed, meaning the final refurbishment works are still to be completed. At this stage, it is unlikely that this scheme will be completed in-year, based on it being unlikely that the Joiners Arms Flats 1 and 2 Renovation scheme will be completed in-year.

**July 2021:** The scheme was put on hold in January 2021 whilst the property was temporarily used as a homeless let. This means the final refurbishment works are still to be completed. The property is still being temporarily used as a homeless let until the Joiners Arms Flats 1 and 2 Renovation scheme is completed. It is unclear whether this scheme will be completed in-year, based on it being unclear when the Joiners Arms Flats 1 and 2 Renovation scheme will be completed.

**March 2021:** The property was purchased in-year and some of the planned refurbishment work was completed also. However, scheme completion was put on hold in January 2021 whilst the property was temporarily used as a homeless let. The homeless let was on-going at 2020/21 financial year-end. Slippage of £11,770 into 2021/22 is requested to fund the final refurbishment works required in 2021/22.

**November 2020:** There was no spend by the end of November 2020, but the property was purchased in December 2020. The refurbishment works are planned for early 2021, which means the scheme is planned to be completed in-year.

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### DISCP: Disabled Facilities Grants

Budget Holder: Rea Psillidou

**Latest Status:** Unlikely to be completed within the financial year



#### **Brief Description of the Scheme:**

The scheme provides grant aid to adapt homes so elderly and disabled occupants can remain in their own home. The grants can provide for minor adaptation, for example the installation of a stair lift, up to the provision of a bathroom and bedroom extension.

#### **Summary Budget Position 2023/24**

	2023/24
Original Estimate 2023/24	393,000
Budget Moved from 2022/23	0
Approved Slippage from 2022/23	773,750
Additional Approvals 2023/24	0
<b>Current Total Approved Budget 2023/24</b>	<b>1,166,750</b>
Actual Expenditure including Commitments as at end of June 2023	480,472
<b>Remaining Budget as at end of June 2023</b>	<b>686,278</b>

#### **Budget Holder Comments:**

**June 2023:** Spend is dependant on Occupational Therapist recommendations. The spend on this scheme is reactive, and so is dependant on these recommendations being put forward. There have been Occupational Therapist staffing issues but we have been informed of late that this has been resolved.

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### EQSOS: Equity Share Option Schemes

Budget Holder: Rea Psillidou

**Latest Status: Unlikely to be completed within the financial year**



#### **Brief Description of the Scheme:**

This new equity share option scheme from 2022/23 will help enable residents of the borough to get a first step on the housing ladder. Locality-based schemes can be approved as S106 monies become available to use in those areas. The scheme would be available to first time buyers with a local connection, a deposit is available to assist with buying the property and the value contributed would be equated to 20% of the property value and then registered as a charge. The scheme would be limited to Council Tax A-C and eligibility would restrict max income and the property being their main residence.

This scheme was approved by Policy and Finance Committee in March 2022.

#### **Summary Budget Position 2023/24**

	2023/24
Original Estimate 2023/24	0
Budget Moved from 2022/23	422,130
Approved Slippage from 2022/23	0
Additional Approvals 2023/24	0
<b>Current Total Approved Budget 2023/24</b>	<b>422,130</b>
Actual Expenditure including Commitments as at end of June 2023	0
<b>Remaining Budget as at end of June 2023</b>	<b>422,130</b>

#### **Budget Holder Comments:**

**June 2023:** Currently seeking further clarity on the options that are available to the council in providing this scheme. The FSA and Homes England are to be approached for guidance as to whether the scheme can be provided directly by the council or whether this must be done through a third party.

**March 2023:** At the time of undertaking the revised estimate for 2022/23 the scheme was moved to the 2023/24 capital programme.

**September 2022:** The locality-based equity share option schemes will not start until a scheme policy document is presented to this Committee for agreement. The policy document is still to be finalised, including confirmation of some legal issues being considered. At this stage it is unlikely that the budget on this scheme will be fully committed by financial year-end.

**June 2022:** This budget was approved by Policy and Finance Committee in March 2022. There has been no spend on this scheme to date because the locality-based equity share option schemes will not start until a scheme policy document is presented to this Committee for agreement. The policy document is still to be finalised, including confirmation of some legal issues being considered.

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### FTBGR: First Time Buyers Grants

Budget Holder: Rea Psillidou

**Latest Status:** Unlikely to be completed within the financial year



#### **Brief Description of the Scheme:**

This new scheme from 2022/23 provides grants to first time buyers to improve the energy efficiency of their property, which can include a range of improvements that would be determined by the dwelling's Energy Performance Certificate.

This scheme was approved by Policy and Finance Committee in March 2022 and was funded by transferring some budget from the Landlord/Tenant Grants scheme to this scheme.

#### **Summary Budget Position 2023/24**

	2023/24
Original Estimate 2023/24	0
Budget Moved from 2022/23	0
Approved Slippage from 2022/23	92,330
Additional Approvals 2023/24	0
<b>Current Total Approved Budget 2023/24</b>	<b>92,330</b>
Actual Expenditure including Commitments as at end of June 2023	38,363
<b>Remaining Budget as at end of June 2023</b>	<b>53,967</b>

#### **Budget Holder Comments:**

**June 2023:** There has been plenty of interest in the scheme to date and a number of commitments made.

**March 2023:** This scheme was initially funded from budget moved from the Landlord/Tenant Grant Scheme. There is a steady interest in the scheme with several applications currently in the system, and so the remaining budget was moved to the 2023/24 financial year.

**September 2022:** At the end of September 2022, there had been eleven grant applications in-year. Of these, one grant scheme is complete, three have been approved, four are being considered for approval and three are not proceeding. At this stage, it is unclear whether the scheme budget will be fully committed by year-end, but further applications are expected in-year.

**June 2022:** At the end of June 2022, there have been eight grant applications for this new scheme. One application with a value of £2,377 has been approved, five further applications are being considered for approval and two applications have been rejected. At this stage, it is unclear whether the scheme budget will be fully committed by year-end, but further applications are expected in-year.

## Health and Housing Committee – Capital Programme 2023/24

### JROOF: Joiners Arms Roof

Budget Holder: Winston Robinson

**Latest Status: Scheme Completed**



#### Brief Description of the Scheme:

This scheme is for the re-roofing of the Council's Joiners Arms homelessness unit at 90 Whalley Road. The existing coverings (main and extension roofs) will be removed and replaced because they have reached the end of their expected life span. Burlington Slate must be used where appropriate as per the requirements of RVBC's Planning department (the property is a Grade II listed building).

Other works are also included because the chimneys, associated flashings, mortar flashing and rainwater goods are in need of repair work and rendering work is required at the rear of the property.

The scheme was subject to delay in 2021/22, initially due to difficulty in getting contractors to provide quotes and then because of the lead time for the sourcing of slate roof tiles (estimated delivery time being August 2022). The work was ordered from the preferred contractor at an initial price of £43,050 plus a future 8% uplift in slate materials costs from the supplier, meaning the scheme cost was likely to increase further.

Further slippage to complete the scheme was approved from 2022/23 to 2023/24 financial year.

#### Summary Budget Position 2023/24

	2023/24
Original Estimate 2023/24	0
Budget Moved from 2022/23	0
Approved Slippage from 2022/23	6,410
Additional Approvals 2023/24	0
<b>Current Total Approved Budget 2023/24</b>	<b>6,410</b>
Actual Expenditure including Commitments as at end of June 2023	6,888
<b>Remaining Budget as at end of June 2023</b>	<b>-478</b>

#### Budget Holder Comments:

**June 2023:** All works have now been completed.

**March 2023:** At year end this work was largely completed with some remaining works needed in respect of guttering and rendering. The remaining budget was moved to the 2023/24 financial year to fund this work.

**September 2022:** The main roof works part of the scheme will start in November 2022 and at this stage it is expected that the works will be completed by Christmas 2022. The rendering part of the scheme will take place in Spring 2023, so that part of the work is likely to be completed in the 2023/24 financial year. The work on this scheme was ordered in 2021/22 at a cost of £43,050 plus an 8% increase in slate costs, meaning the scheme cost was likely to increase further. The latest estimated scheme price is £44,250, based on the increase in slate prices notified by the contractor. The funding for the extra budget on this scheme, currently £2,050, will be identified and reported to this Committee when the 2022/23 revised estimate budget is set in January 2023 and the budget for the rendering element of the scheme is likely to be moved to the 2023/24 capital programme at that point.

**June 2022:** The scheme has been subject to delay, due to the lead time for delivery of the slate roof tiles. The contractor has not confirmed actual dates to complete the works at this stage, but has indicated he aims to be on-site in September 2022 to complete the works before Winter. The work on this scheme was ordered in 2021/22 at a cost of £43,050 plus an 8% increase in slate

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costs, meaning the scheme cost was likely to increase further. The latest estimated scheme price is £44,250, based on the increase in slate prices notified by the contractor. Funding for the extra budget on this scheme, currently £2,050, will be identified and reported to this Committee when the revised estimate budget is set in January 2023.

**November 2021:** The completion of the scheme is subject to delay due to the lead time for the slate roof tiles (estimated delivery time being August 2022) meaning this will not be complete in the current programme year. The contractor has also notified the Council of an 8% uplift in the slate materials costs from the supplier. The latest scheme cost is £43,050 plus an 8% increase in slate costs, meaning the scheme cost is likely to increase further. The work was ordered on this basis. Given this, it is proposed that the 2021/22 revised estimate is reduced to nil and the £42,200 scheme budget is moved to 2022/23. Once the final scheme cost is confirmed then an additional budget approval will be requested.

**September 2021:** The preferred contractor has now been selected for the roof renewal work, including the rendering work at the rear of the building. The initial price from the preferred contractor is £43,050, which is £850 above budget. In addition, there is currently a six-month delay on supply of the slate that must be used on the roof and the price of the slate will rise by 8% from early 2022, meaning the scheme cost is likely to increase further. The work has been ordered on this basis and additional budget approval will be requested at revised estimate budget stage. Given the current six-month delay on slate supply, at this stage it is unlikely that this scheme will be completed in 2021/22.

**July 2021:** This scheme is held up by the difficulty in identifying enough contractors prepared to quote for the works post Covid-19 lockdown. At the end of July 2021, one further contractor quote was still needed before the preferred contractor could be selected. Once the preferred contractor is selected, works completion will then be dependent on contractor timescales. Given this, it is unclear whether this scheme will be completed in-year.

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### LANGR: Landlord/Tenant Grants

Budget Holder: Rea Psillidou

**Latest Status:** Unlikely to be completed within the financial year



#### **Brief Description of the Scheme:**

The scheme match funds a landlord's investment in a property in return for an affordable rental property. Conditions of the grant are nomination rights and a set rent level in line with LHA. The scheme is crucial for move-on accommodation for families in temporary accommodation as the social housing waiting list is so long. The scheme is also used to bring empty properties back into use.

#### **Summary Budget Position 2023/24**

	2023/24
Original Estimate 2023/24	50,000
Budget Moved from 2022/23	0
Approved Slippage from 2022/23	117,130
Additional Approvals 2023/24	0
<b>Current Total Approved Budget 2023/24</b>	<b>167,130</b>
Actual Expenditure including Commitments as at end of June 2023	4,359
<b>Remaining Budget as at end of June 2023</b>	<b>162,771</b>

#### **Budget Holder Comments:**

**June 2023:** Struggling at the moment due to the current housing market. Due to interest rates many people are no longer investing in the private rented sector.

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### PVEYC: Replacement of Dog Warden Van PE64 EYC

Budget Holder: Andrew Dent

**Latest Status:** Currently expected to be fully or substantially completed in year

**A**

#### Brief Description of the Scheme:

The scheme is for the replacement of the existing dog warden van with a new one as it came to the end of its life.

The scheme changed to the purchase of an electric vehicle together with the installation of electric charging points following approval of this change by Policy and Finance Committee in September 2022. Part of this work was completed in 2022/23, notably the charging points, with the balance of the scheme budget being moved to 2023/24.

#### Summary Budget Position 2023/24

	2023/24
Original Estimate 2023/24	0
Budget Moved from 2022/23	32,500
Approved Slippage from 2022/23	4,100
Additional Approvals 2023/24	0
<b>Current Total Approved Budget 2023/24</b>	<b>36,600</b>
Actual Expenditure including Commitments as at end of June 2023	28,980
<b>Remaining Budget as at end of June 2023</b>	<b>7,620</b>

#### Budget Holder Comments:

**June 2023:** New van expected to be delivered within the next 2 months.

March 2023: The scheme had been moved to the 2023/24 capital programme at revised estimate time

**September 2022:** In September 2022 Policy and Finance Committee approved an increased budget of £38,110 for this scheme, which includes the purchase of an electric replacement van and charging point installation. This followed discussion of the way forward for the van's replacement at this Committee. The replacement van has been ordered in October 2022. At this stage it is hoped that the purchase will be completed in this financial year, but this is subject to supplier delivery timescales.

**June 2022:** Prices have been obtained for a replacement van based on an updated specification. A report seeking approval from members on the way forward is included elsewhere on this meeting's agenda. Subject to approval by members, at this stage it is expected that the scheme will be completed in-year.

**November 2021:** The current van is in good enough condition to continue to be used throughout 2021/22, so the purchase of the new van will now take place in 2022/23. An updated guide price has been obtained for a replacement van. This price, plus additional costs for fitting out the van so it is fit for dog warden use, mean the latest cost estimate is now £16,000, which is a £2,500 increase on the current £13,500 scheme budget.

**September 2021:** The current van is in good enough condition to continue to be used throughout 2021/22, so the purchase of the new van will now take place in 2022/23.

**July 2021:** Procurement of the new van has been put on hold in-year. This is because the Dog Warden service is part of the Environmental Health Services team and available management and staff time on the team has been focussed on other priority areas of work so far this year due to on-going staff vacancies within the team and additional pressures caused by Covid-19. At this stage, it is unclear whether the van purchase will take place in-year.

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### PVFJP: Replacement of Pest Control Van PK13 FJP

Budget Holder: Andrew Dent

**Latest Status:** Currently expected to be fully or substantially completed in year

**A**

#### Brief Description of the Scheme:

The scheme is for the replacement of the existing pest control van with a new one as it came to the end of its life.

The scheme changed to the purchase of an electric vehicle together with the installation of electric charging points following approval of this change by Policy and Finance Committee in September 2022. Part of this work was completed in 2022/23, notably the charging points, with the balance of the scheme budget being moved to 2023/24.

#### Summary Budget Position 2023/24

	2023/24
Original Estimate 2023/24	0
Budget Moved from 2022/23	32,280
Approved Slippage from 2022/23	4,100
Additional Approvals 2023/24	0
<b>Current Total Approved Budget 2023/24</b>	<b>36,380</b>
Actual Expenditure including Commitments as at end of June 2023	28,980
<b>Remaining Budget as at end of June 2023</b>	<b>7,400</b>

#### Budget Holder Comments:

**June 2023:** New van expected to be delivered within the next 2 months.

**March 2023:** The scheme had been moved to the 2023/24 capital programme at revised estimate time.

**September 2022:** In September 2022 Policy and Finance Committee approved an increased budget of £37,890 for this scheme, which includes the purchase of an electric replacement van and charging point installation. This followed discussion of the way forward for the van's replacement at this Committee. The replacement van has been ordered in October 2022. At this stage it is hoped that the purchase will be completed in this financial year, but this is subject to supplier delivery timescales.

**June 2022:** Prices have been obtained for a replacement van based on an updated specification. A report seeking approval from members on the way forward is included elsewhere on this meeting's agenda. Subject to approval by members, at this stage it is expected that the scheme will be completed in-year.

**November 2021:** The current van is in good enough condition to continue to be used throughout 2021/22, so the purchase of the new van will now take place in 2022/23. An updated guide price has been obtained for a replacement van. This price, plus additional costs for fitting out the van so it is fit for pest control use, mean the latest cost estimate is now £16,000, which is a £2,200 increase on the current £13,800 scheme budget.

**September 2021:** The current van is in good enough condition to continue to be used throughout 2021/22, so the purchase of the new van will now take place in 2022/23.

**July 2021:** Procurement of the new van has been put on hold in-year. This is because the Pest Control service is part of the Environmental Health Services team and available management and staff time on the team has been focussed on other priority areas of work so far this year due to on-going staff vacancies within the team and additional pressures caused by Covid-19. At this stage, it is unclear whether the van purchase will take place in-year.

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### TEMPH: Temporary Housing Scheme

Budget Holder: Rea Psillidou

**Latest Status:** Currently expected to be fully or substantially completed in year

**A**

#### Brief Description of the Scheme:

This project focuses on the delivery of additional flexibility for the Council to meet demands for temporary housing. It is for the purchase of two units of accommodation, one to serve Clitheroe and one to serve the Longridge area.

These units will be operated as temporary short stay accommodation but could also provide the flexibility to meet temporary safe house provision in connection with the Council's Domestic Abuse duties if necessary.

#### Summary Budget Position 2023/24

	2023/24
Original Estimate 2023/24	304,580
Budget Moved from 2022/23	0
Approved Slippage from 2022/23	0
Additional Approvals 2023/24	0
<b>Current Total Approved Budget 2023/24</b>	<b>304,580</b>
Actual Expenditure including Commitments as at end of June 2023	0
<b>Remaining Budget as at end of June 2023</b>	<b>304,580</b>

#### Budget Holder Comments:

**June 2023:** Report to be presented to Health and Housing Committee in August 2023. Delegation, if approved, will help the council be in a more advantageous position to react to the market - two potential properties have been identified at this stage.

## RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

meeting date: 31 AUGUST 2023  
 title: REVENUE MONITORING 2023/24  
 submitted by: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES AND DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
 principal author: LAWSON ODDIE

### 1 PURPOSE

1.1 To report on the progress of the 2023/24 revenue budget as at the end of June 2023.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives – none identified.
- Corporate Priorities - to continue to be a well-managed council providing efficient services based on identified customer need.
- Other Considerations – none identified.

### 2 REVENUE MONITORING 2023/24

2.1 Shown below, by cost centre, is a comparison between actual expenditure and the original estimate budget for the period to the end of June 2023. You will see an overall underspend of £63,414, or an underspend of £79,958 after allowing for transfers to and from earmarked reserves. Please note that underspends and additional income are denoted by figures with a minus symbol.

Cost Centre	Cost Centre Name	Net Budget for the Full Year £	Net Budget to the end of June 2023 £	Actual including Commitments to the end of June 2023 £	Variance £	
AFHOU	Affordable Rent Properties	4,140	-2,699	165	2,864	A
APLAC	Alma Place Unit	2,990	10	1,065	1,055	G
AWARM	Affordable Warmth	0	0	4,550	4,550	A
CLAIR	Clean Air	4,460	195	448	253	G
CLAND	Contaminated Land	10,860	0	0	0	G
CLCEM	Clitheroe Cemetery	62,300	802	4,748	3,946	A
CLDCY	Closed Churchyards	5,560	2,202	1,569	-633	G
CLMKT	Clitheroe Market	-17,520	-125,323	-136,840	-11,517	R
CMGHH	Community Groups - Health & Housing	8,570	0	0	0	G
COMNL	Common Land	5,040	194	435	241	G
CTBEN	Localised Council Tax Support Admin	245,880	14,916	-42,864	-57,780	R
DOGWD	Dog Warden & Pest Control	167,950	5,974	5,387	-587	G

Cost Centre	Cost Centre Name	Net Budget for the Full Year £	Net Budget to the end of June 2023 £	Actual including Commitments to the end of June 2023 £	Variance £	
ENVHT	Environmental Health Services	421,670	588	2,065	1,477	G
HFORU	Homes for Ukraine	125,350	3,621	16,288	12,667	R
HGBEN	Housing Benefits	222,010	297,410	320,534	23,124	R
HOMEE	Home Energy Conservation	7,100	129	0	-129	G
HOMES	Homelessness Strategy	62,900	-48,259	-55,431	-7,172	R
HSASS	Housing Associations	8,100	0	0	0	G
HSTRA	Housing Strategy	55,280	60	-336	-396	G
IMPGR	Improvement Grants	106,480	-7,758	-7,780	-22	G
JARMS	Joiners Arms	64,830	15,445	15,290	-155	R
SHARE	Shared Ownership Rents	-480	-1,500	-1,507	-7	G
SUPPE	Supporting People	14,830	0	-35,193	-35,193	R
<b>Total Health and Housing Committee</b>		<b>1,588,300</b>	<b>156,007</b>	<b>92,593</b>	<b>-63,414</b>	
<b>Transfers to/(from) Earmarked Reserves</b>						
Equipment Reserve - Joiners Arms		-500	0	0	0	
Equipment Reserve – Clitheroe Cemetery		-6,060	-1,515	-5,392	-3,877	
Government Grants – Homes for Ukraine		-125,350	-3,621	-16,288	-12,667	
Government Grants – Supporting People		-9,100	0	0	0	
Pensions Triennial Revaluation Reserve		2,500	0	0	0	
<b>Total after transfers to/(from) Earmarked Reserves</b>		<b>1,449,790</b>	<b>150,871</b>	<b>70,913</b>	<b>-79,958</b>	

Key to Variance shading	
Variance of £5,000 or more (Red)	R
Variance between £2,000 and £4,999 (Amber)	A
Variance less than £2,000 (Green)	G

- 2.2 The red variances highlight specific areas of high concern, for which budget holders are required to have an action plan. Amber variances are potential areas of high concern and green variances are areas which currently do not present any significant concern.
- 2.3 The main variances between budget and actuals on individual budget codes within cost centres have also been highlighted and explained, as follows:

- Red budget code variances (£5,000 or more) are shown with the budget holder's comments and agreed actions in Annex 1.
- Amber budget code variances (£2,000 to £4,999) are shown with the budget holder's comments in Annex 2.

2.4 Outlined below are the main variances to the end of June 2023 that are unlikely to be rectified by the end of the financial year:

- **Environmental Health Services/Private Water Samples Net Income (+£2,568):** No private water supplies risk assessment and samples work has been undertaken for the year to date, due to on-going vacancies within the Environmental Health team meaning that available staff time has been focussed on other priority areas of work for the year to date.
- **Clitheroe Market/Stalls Income (-£6,349):** Higher stalls demand from traders than budgeted for in this demand-led fluctuating service area.
- **Clitheroe Market/Pitches and Other Income (-£6,112):** Increased income to date
- **Localised Council Tax Support Admin/LCTS Funding (-£55,503):** Policy and Finance Committee agreed a scheme where £45 would be allocated to each household in receipt of Local Council Tax Support where council tax liability is not nil. This government funding is to offset the costs of the scheme and was given to councils to allow the provision of such types of local reliefs. The cost in respect of this will fall on the Collection Fund rather than under this committee.

### 3 CONCLUSION

- 3.1 The comparison between actual expenditure and the original estimate budget for this Committee for the period to the end of June 2023 shows an underspend of £63,414, or an underspend of £79,958 after allowing for transfers to and from earmarked reserves.
- 3.2 It must be noted that whilst there is a sizeable variance, much of this is in respect of funding for Local Council Tax Support. The impact of this will be through the Collection Fund rather than on this committee, and due to the mechanics of the Collection Fund, this will not be felt until 2024/25.

HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES  
AND DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

HH10-23/LO/AC  
21 August 2023

BACKGROUND PAPERS: None  
For further information please ask for Lawson Oddie

## Health and Housing Committee Revenue Monitoring – Red Variances

Ledger Code	Ledger Code Name	Budget for the Full Year	Budget to the end of June 2023	Actual including commitments to the end of June 2023	Variance	Reason for Variance	Action Plan as agreed between the Budget Holder and Accountant
CLMKT/8825n	Clitheroe Market/Stalls	-16,110	-4,031	-10,380	-6,349	Income is currently ahead of budget and reflects the higher level of uptake of the market stalls and pitches. This was also seen in the previous financial year	Income levels will continue to be monitored and reflected in the Revised Estimate
CLMKT/8826n	Clitheroe Market/Pitches & Other	-2,910	-703	-6,815	-6,112	Income is currently ahead of budget and reflects the higher level of uptake of the market stalls and pitches. This was also seen in the previous financial year	Income levels will continue to be monitored and reflected in the Revised Estimate
CTBEN/8009z	Localised Council Tax Support/LCTS Funding	0	0	-55,503	-55,503	Policy and Finance Committee agreed a scheme where £45 would be allocated to each household in receipt of Local Council Tax Support where council tax liability is not nil. This government funding is to offset the costs of the scheme and was given to councils to allow the provision of such types of local reliefs. The cost in respect of this will fall on the Collection Fund rather than under this committee.	A budget will be brought in for this income at the Revised Estimate

## Health and Housing Committee Revenue Monitoring – Red Variances

Ledger Code	Ledger Code Name	Budget for the Full Year	Budget to the end of June 2023	Actual including commitments to the end of June 2023	Variance	Reason for Variance	Action Plan as agreed between the Budget Holder and Accountant
ENVHT/ 8417u	Environmental Health Ser/Private Water Samples	-27,350	-6,840	0	<b>6,840</b>	Due to current staffing vacancies within the service it has not been possible to undertake these works, resulting in a loss of income as shown. However, underspends are being seen due to the vacancies, which will offset any lost income. There will also be savings on lab costs.	The position will be reviewed should staffing levels change or resources allow for some of the work to be undertaken.
Page 103 HFORU/ 3014	Homes for Ukraine/HFU Housing Grants	76,680	19,185	0	<b>-19,185</b>	To date there has been no spend in respect of the Homes for Ukraine Housing Grants (ie. housing bonds and deposits). This spend is demand led.	The budget position will be reassessed at revised estimate
HFORU/ 3015	Homes for Ukraine/HFU Community Integration Grants	24,400	6,102	-12,000	<b>-18,102</b>	There is a balance remaining on this budget which is in respect of last financial year, and will clear once the relevant invoice has been received from Lancashire County Council. Further invoices will also be requested in respect of the first quarter for this year.	Lancashire County Council are to be approached to chase the invoice so that the charges can be paid

## Health and Housing Committee Revenue Monitoring – Red Variances

Ledger Code	Ledger Code Name	Budget for the Full Year	Budget to the end of June 2023	Actual including commitments to the end of June 2023	Variance	Reason for Variance	Action Plan as agreed between the Budget Holder and Accountant
HFORU/4692	Homes for Ukraine/Grants to individuals - HFU Sponsor Grant	33,600	8,406	27,896	19,490	There has been a higher level of grant payments to date than originally expected in the estimate. However, grant payments made are fully funded by the funding the council in turn receive via Lancashire County Council	Payments made will continue to be monitored and the estimate will be reviewed when the Revised Estimate is prepared
Page 104 HFORU/8493z	Homes for Ukraine/LCC - Ukrainian Housing Funding	0	0	27,000	27,000	The variance here shows the accounting adjustment for the income from Quarter 4 of last year which has still yet to be paid by Lancashire County Council.	Invoice will be raised in respect of these charges so that Lancashire County Council can make the necessary payment.
HGBEN/2809	Housing Benefits/Non Recurring Purchases	0	0	11,596	11,596	This variance is in respect of software changes needed in respect of DWP legislation. The spend will be funded from monies previously set aside in earmarked reserves.	The budget will be reviewed at the Revised Estimate and the necessary funding budgeted for release from earmarked reserves.

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Ledger Code	Ledger Code Name	Budget for the Full Year	Budget to the end of June 2023	Actual including commitments to the end of June 2023	Variance	Reason for Variance	Action Plan as agreed between the Budget Holder and Accountant
HGBEN/4652	Housing Benefits/Rent Allowance Payments	5,079,060	1,582,127	1,623,781	41,654	Rent Allowance payments are higher than budgeted for the year to date, after adjusting for recovery of benefits overpayments and non-cash transactions.	The budget for the individual elements shown here will be adjusted at the Revised Estimate.
HGBEN/8814z	Housing Benefits/Recovery of Rent Allowance Payments	-41,720	34,128	17,671	-16,457	Any higher Rent Allowance payments for the year as a whole will be reflected in more Rent Allowance subsidy grant income received at year-end from the DWP (see HGBEN/8002z above), as payments for the full year are broadly funded by subsidy grant received at year-end. As a result, there is unlikely to be a significant net overspend at year-end.	
HGBEN/8002z	Housing Benefits/Rent Allowances Grant	-5,042,890	-1,261,731	-1,271,238	-9,507		

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Ledger Code	Ledger Code Name	Budget for the Full Year	Budget to the end of June 2023	Actual including commitments to the end of June 2023	Variance	Reason for Variance	Action Plan as agreed between the Budget Holder and Accountant
HOMES/ 8485Z	Homelessness Strategy/Home Office - Asylum Dispersal Scheme Grant	0	0	-12,000	<b>-12,000</b>	This is further funding that has been received in respect of Asylum Dispersal. It is unlikely that further additional spend will be needed to meet the requirements of the council as such work would likely fall under our existing resources.	A budget for this income will be brought into the revised estimate.
UPPE/ 8961Z	Supporting People/MHCLG - Domestic Abuse Support to Victims	0	0	-35,193	<b>-35,193</b>	This is additional funding that has been received in 2023/24. There is currently no expenditure budget to offset this, but this will be introduced at Revised Estimate. Staffing costs will be a large part of such costs. There are unresolved issues regarding the separation of responsibility between the tier 1 and Tier 2 authority.	A budget for this income will be brought into the revised estimate.

## Health and Housing Committee Revenue Monitoring – Amber Variances

Ledger Code	Ledger Code Name	Budget for the Full Year	Budget to the end of the June 2023	Actual including commitments to the end of June 2023	Variance	Reason for Variance
AFHOU/ 8802u	Affordable Rent Properties/Dwelling Rents	-12,640	-3,160	0	<b>3,160</b>	Invoices have yet to be raised for the council's rent income share. Invoices are to be raised and the variance should then clear as the year progresses.
WARM/ 4676	Affordable Warmth/Grants to Individuals	0	0	4,550	<b>4,550</b>	No budget currently set. These payments are funded by grant income received in 2022/23 and set aside in earmarked reserves. This funding will now be released and a budget set at the revised estimate.
CLCEM/ 2809	Clitheroe Cemetery/Non Recurring Purchases of Equipment etc	6,060	1,515	5,392	<b>3,877</b>	This variance is in respect of work on the concrete headstone beams. Funding will be released from earmarked reserves to fund this work.
CLMKT/ 8824n	Clitheroe Market/Cabins	-124,560	-124,560	-126,781	<b>-2,221</b>	Income on market cabins is slightly above budget. It is important to note that this is largely income that has been invoiced in respect of the whole year, but which is then paid monthly, so income could still fall if the occupant of a cabin were to vacate part way through the year.

## Health and Housing Committee Revenue Monitoring – Amber Variances

Ledger Code	Ledger Code Name	Budget for the Full Year	Budget to the end of the June 2023	Actual including commitments to the end of June 2023	Variance	Reason for Variance
DOGWD/5056	Dog Warden & Pest Control/Grounds Maintenance	19,000	4,749	7,568	2,819	<p>Increased time input charges to dog bin emptying by the Grounds Maintenance team to date. Time input will be reviewed going forwards and the dog bin emptying costs will be managed within the overall Grounds Maintenance budgets across all Council sites.</p> <p>The budget will be reviewed at revised estimate budget stage to reflect the latest dog bin emptying costs forecast for the year.</p>
ENVHT/3081	Environmental Health Services/Water Samples	17,040	4,272	0	-4,272	<p>As previously highlighted under 'red' variances, due to current staffing vacancies within the service it has not been possible to undertake water sampling works, resulting in a loss of income. The costs budgeted here are lab costs and will be saved as a result of the water sampling work not being undertaken.</p>
ENVHT/8430u	Environmental Health Services/Street Trading Licence	-7,750	-5,156	-1,725	3,431	<p>There has been a low level of licences issued to the end of June, resulting in the variance shown.</p>
HFORU/0100	Homes for Ukraine/Salaries	5,770	1,443	5,692	4,249	<p>Increased hours have been approved for the role, funded by the grant income received for the purpose of providing support. The budget will be amended at revised estimate.</p>

## Health and Housing Committee Revenue Monitoring – Amber Variances

Ledger Code	Ledger Code Name	Budget for the Full Year	Budget to the end of the June 2023	Actual including commitments to the end of June 2023	Variance	Reason for Variance
HGBEN/ 8630z	Housing Benefits/DWP-NB Supp Accom and Temp Accom MI	0	0	-2,027	<b>-2,027</b>	There has been additional New Burdens funding to meet the costs of action required to improve the quality of supported housing and temporary accommodation management information. It is unclear at this stage whether there will be any additional direct costs to offset against this grant income.
OMES/ 8636z	Homelessness Strategy/DLUHC - Tenant Satisfaction Measures New Burdens	0	0	-2,400	<b>-2,400</b>	New grant income received in year which was not budgeted for. A budget will be set at revised estimate.  There are no anticipated additional costs at this stage

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## RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

meeting date: 31 AUGUST 2023  
title: REVENUE OUTTURN 2022/23  
submitted by: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES  
principal author: LAWSON ODDIE

1.1 To report on the outturn for the financial year 2022/23 in respect of the Revenue Budget for this Committee

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- ❖ Community Objectives – none identified
- ❖ Corporate Priorities – to continue to be 'a well-managed Council providing efficient services based on identified customer need and meets the objective within this priority, of maintaining critical financial management controls, ensuring the authority provides council tax payers with value for money'.
- ❖ Other Considerations – none identified.

### 2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Our full Statement of Accounts were signed off for audit by the Director of Resources on 2 June 2023 and are now subject to audit.

2.2 The Statement of Accounts are expected to be submitted for approval to Accounts and Audit Committee at their meeting on 27 September 2023.

### 3 REVENUE OUTTURN 2021/22

3.1 Shown below, by cost centre, is a comparison of the 2022/23 actual outturn with the revised estimate budget for this Committee. You will see an overall underspend of £343,943 on the net cost of services. After transfers to and from earmarked reserves, the overall underspend is £69,825. This has been added to General Fund Balances.

Cost Centre	Cost Centre Name	Revised Estimate 2022/23 £	Actual 2022/23 £	Variance £	Associated Earmarked Reserves Variance £	Net Variance £
AFHOU	Affordable Rent Properties	-4,870	2,662	7,532	-8,370	-838
APLAC	Alma Place Unit	2,680	745	-1,935		-1,935
AWARM	Affordable Warmth	270	-33,933	-34,203	34,203	0
CLAIR	Clean Air	2,350	2,296	-54		-54
CLAND	Contaminated Land	7,750	7,819	69		69
CLCEM	Clitheroe Cemetery	54,770	45,515	-9,255		-9,255
CLDCY	Closed Churchyards	6,740	6,749	9		9

Cost Centre	Cost Centre Name	Revised Estimate 2022/23 £	Actual 2022/23 £	Variance £	Associated Earmarked Reserves Variance £	Net Variance £
CLMKT	Clitheroe Market	-27,550	-30,733	-3,183		-3,183
CMGHH	Community Groups - Health & Housing	7,590	7,372	-218		-218
COMNL	Common Land	3,620	2,929	-691		-691
CTBEN	Localised Council Tax Support Admin	187,770	182,559	-5,211		-5,211
DOGWD	Dog Warden & Pest Control	172,660	168,207	-4,453	3,980	-473
ENVHT	Environmental Health Services	278,740	251,970	-26,770	11,710	-15,060
HFORU	Homes for Ukraine	-125,350	-327,998	-202,648	202,648	0
HGBEN	Housing Benefits	200,940	209,208	8,268		8,268
HOMEE	Home Energy Conservation	6,470	6,284	-186		-186
HOMES	Homelessness Strategy	57,080	22,931	-34,149	5,252	-28,897
HSASS	Housing Associations	8,220	7,982	-238		-238
HSTRA	Housing Strategy	54,690	51,923	-2,767		-2,767
IMPGR	Improvement Grants	112,820	112,386	-434		-434
JARMS	Joiners Arms	49,030	40,201	-8,829		-8,829
SHARE	Shared Ownership Rents	-350	-378	-28		-28
SUPPE	Supporting People	5,730	-18,839	-24,569	24,695	126
<b>NET COST OF SERVICES</b>		<b>1,061,800</b>	<b>717,857</b>	<b>-343,943</b>	<b>274,118</b>	<b>-69,825</b>

#### 4 EARMARKED RESERVES

4.1 Reserves are important to local authorities as, unlike central government, we cannot borrow money over the medium term, other than for investment in assets, and we are required to balance our budgets on an annual basis.

4.2 Reserves can be held for three main purposes:

- A working balance to help cushion the impact of uneven cash flows and avoid unnecessary temporary borrowing.
- A contingency to cushion the impact of unexpected events or emergencies. This also forms part of general reserves.
- A means of building up funds or accounting for funds we are committed to spend or to meet known or predicted requirements.

4.3 Our earmarked reserves are accounted for separately but remain legally part of the General Fund.

- 4.4 The table below provides a comparison of the 2022/23 actual movements in earmarked reserves with the movements in earmarked reserves that were planned at revised estimate stage. The main reasons for the variations on the movements in earmarked reserves are explained.

	Revised Estimate 2022/23 £	Actual 2022/23 £	Variance £	Main reasons for the variations on the Movements in Earmarked Reserves
<b>Committee Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>1,061,800</b>	<b>717,857</b>	<b>-343,943</b>	
<b>HGBAL/H337 Equipment Reserve</b> Where funds are set aside to fund essential specific purchases for Health and Housing service areas.	-5,980	-2,000	3,980	£3,980 was budgeted to be released from the reserve to fund updated/improved dog control signage expenditure. The expenditure was not incurred during the year, and so the monies remain within the reserve.
<b>CPBAL/H330 Capital Reserve</b> Used to fund the capital programme	11,770	3,400	-8,370	The revised estimate allowed for the receipt of £11,770 S106 monies in the Affordable Rent Properties cost centre to fund the estimated cost of the Clitheroe Affordable Housing capital scheme in-year. The capital scheme spend was only £3,400 and so only this amount of S106 monies were released.
<b>HGBAL/H339 Housing Related Grants Reserve</b> Where housing related grants received but not spent at the end of each financial year are set aside to be committed to grant related expenditure in future years.	117,420	384,218	266,798	<p>The amounts shown relate to 5 different grants.</p> <p>£270 was budgeted to be released in respect of Affordable Warmth funding, however the outturn position shows £33,933 being added to the reserve due to an underspend on the additional funding that was received in year.</p> <p>£125,350 was budgeted to be set aside in respect of Homes for Ukraine funding. As all of the funding had not been spent the actual amount set aside at year end was £327,998.</p> <p>£7,600 was budgeted to be released from the reserve in respect of a grant repayment to Pendle Council for accommodation for ex-offenders grant payments. Only £4,625 was needed to be paid in year.</p> <p>At year at, a grant payment of £2,217 was received from DLUHC for Tenant Satisfaction survey. This was set aside at year end to fund such work at a future date.</p> <p>Funding received in respect of domestic abuse support to victims was received in year from DLUHC. Not all of the funding as spent in year and so the balance of £24,695 was set aside in the earmarked reserve for future use.</p>

	Revised Estimate 2022/23 £	Actual 2022/23 £	Variance £	Main reasons for the variations on the Movements in Earmarked Reserves
<b>HGBAL/H308 Air Quality New Burdens Grant Reserve</b> Reserve to hold New Burdens funding received in respect of new enforcement measures.	0	11,710	11,710	Grant funding that was awarded for Air Quality new burdens in respect of new enforcement measures has been set aside for future use. This funding was not known about at the time of setting the revised estimate.
<b>Committee Net Cost of Services After Movements in Earmarked Reserves</b>	<b>1,185,010</b>	<b>1,115,185</b>	<b>-69,825</b>	

## 5 MAIN VARIATIONS 2022/23

5.1 The main income and expenditure variations are explained at Annex 1. However, a summary of the main variations is set out in the table below.

Cost Centre	Description of Variance	Variance amount £
<b>AWARM</b> Affordable Warmth	<b>Grants to Individuals</b> – There has been a low level of spend on the affordable warmth scheme. This has meant that much of the additional funding received in year has been set aside in earmarked reserves to allow the funding to be distributed in future years.	-34,961
<b>Various Cost Centres</b>	Lower than budgeted support service recharge costs across most Health and Housing Committee cost centres due to reductions in net expenditure in the Chief Executive's department due to residual costs charged to Covid	-27,478
<b>ENVHT</b> Environmental Health	<b>DEFRA Air Quality New Burden Grant</b> – New grant to be received in respect of 2022/23. The funding has been set aside in earmarked reserves for use in the 2023/24 financial year.	-11,710
<b>HFORU</b> Homes For Ukraine	<b>Employee Costs and Grant Payments:</b> A lower level of spend than budgeted for, particularly in respect of Housing Grants and Sponsor Grants. Any unused grant has been set aside in earmarked reserves for use in 2023/24  <b>Funding received:</b> Anticipated income has largely been received as expected, although as shown above, not all of this funding has then been used in year.  The total of this variance has been set aside in earmarked reserves for use in 2023/24	-202,313
<b>HOMES</b> Homelessness Strategy	<b>Asylum Dispersal Scheme:</b> Funding was received from the government in respect of the asylum dispersal scheme of £21,000. There was also a budget of £21,000 brought in for potential associated expenditure, however this was not needed.	-21,000
<b>SUPPE</b> Supporting People	<b>Domestic Abuse Victim Support:</b> Grant funding was received and budget for in year, together with expenditure budgets in respect of work connected to the grant funding. Not all of this was funding was used resulting in the variance shown. The balance was set aside in an earmarked reserve at year end to allow the funding to be used in 2023/24 onwards.	-24,370

## 6 CONCLUSION

- 6.1 There have been a number of variations in both income and expenditure during the year, and this has given rise to an overall underspend of £343,943 on the net cost of services. After transfers to and from earmarked reserves there is an overall underspend of £69,825.

HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

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BACKGROUND PAPERS – None.

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**HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE  
MAIN VARIANCES 2022/23**

	Variance in Expenditure £	Variance in Income £	Variance in Support Services £	Total Variance £	Associated Earmarked Reserves Variance £	Net Variance £
<b>AFHOU: Affordable Housing</b>						
<b>Use of Commuted Sums</b> – Lower level of S106 monies needed to be released as there was a lower level of spend that expected on the Clitheroe Affordable Housing capital scheme, which these monies then go to fund through a transfer to the Capital Reserve.		8,370		8,370	-8,370	0
<b>Total Affordable Housing</b>	0	8,370	0	8,370	-8,370	0
<b>AWARM: Affordable Warmth</b>						
<b>Grants to Individuals</b> – There has been a low level of spend on the affordable warmth scheme. This has meant that much of the additional funding received in year has been set aside in earmarked reserves to allow the funding to be distributed in future years.	-34,961			-34,961	34,203	-758
<b>Total Affordable Warmth</b>	-34,961	0	0	-34,961	34,203	-758
<b>CLCEM: Clitheroe Cemetery</b>						
<b>Interment Fees income</b> - Higher income than budgeted for, due to greater activity than anticipated in this demand led service area in-year.		-7,946		-7,946		-7,946
<b>Total Clitheroe Cemetery</b>	0	-7,946	0	-7,946	0	-7,946
<b>CLMKT: Clitheroe Market</b>						
<b>Repairs and Maintenance</b> – Significant overspends on cabin repairs, including painting doors, shutter repairs and electrical works.	4,871			4,871		4,871

	Variance in Expenditure £	Variance in Income £	Variance in Support Services £	Total Variance £	Associated Earmarked Reserves Variance £	Net Variance £
<b>Publicity and Equipment and Materials</b> – general low levels of spend in year	-4,065			-4,065		-4,065
<b>Cabins, Stalls and pitches income</b> – Due to a higher level of uptake in the use of the market cabins stalls and pitches		-2,079		-2,079		-2,079
<b>Total Clitheroe Market</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>-2,079</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-1,273</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-1,273</b>
<b>CTBEN: Localised Council Tax Support Admin</b>						
<b>Overpayments of Council Tax Benefits income</b> - Following the introduction of Local Council Tax Support in 2013/14, the Council can retain any overpayments of the now abolished Council Tax Benefit that have been recovered in-year. Recovery of such overpayments in 2022/23 was higher than the budget set for this income.		-2,588		-2,588		-2,588
<b>Total Localised Council Tax Support Admin</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-2,588</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-2,588</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-2,588</b>
<b>DOGWD: Dog Warden &amp; Pest Control</b>						
<b>Repairs and Maintenance – On-costed Wages</b> – Less on-costed time input to dog bins repairs and replacement works and dog bin emptying cover work in-year.	-2,485			-2,485		-2,485
<b>Non-Recurring Purchases</b> - Planned spend on updated/improved dog control signage related to the updated Dog Control Public Space Protection Order did not take place in 2022/23. This underspend is offset by not needing to transfer the planned £3,980 from the Dog Warden Signs (Equipment) Reserve to fund this budgeted spend in 2022/23.	-3,980			-3,980	3,980	<b>0</b>

	Variance in Expenditure £	Variance in Income £	Variance in Support Services £	Total Variance £	Associated Earmarked Reserves Variance £	Net Variance £
<b>Domestic Rodent Pest Treatment</b> – Lower demand to date than budgeted for in this demand led service area.		3,750		3,750		3,750
<b>Support Services recharges</b> - Lower than budgeted support services recharges due to reductions in net expenditure in several support service areas, with the biggest reduction being in the Chief Executive's department (-£3,458) particularly due to residual time charged to Covid.			-3,507	-3,507		-3,507
<b>Total Dog Warden &amp; Pest Control</b>	-6,465	3,750	-3,507	-6,222	3,980	-2,242
<b>ENVHT: Environmental Health Services</b>						
<b>Support Services recharges</b> - Lower than budgeted support services recharges due to reductions in net expenditure in several support service areas, with the biggest reduction being in the Chief Executive's department (-£10,272) particularly due to residual time charged to Covid.			-10,345	-10,345		-10,345
<b>DEFRA Air Quality New Burden Grant</b> – New grant to be received in respect of 2022/23. The funding has been set aside in earmarked reserves for use in the 2023/24 financial year.		-11,710		-11,710	11,710	0
<b>Total Environmental Health Services</b>	0	-11,710	-10,345	-22,055	11,710	-10,345

	Variance in Expenditure £	Variance in Income £	Variance in Support Services £	Total Variance £	Associated Earmarked Reserves Variance £	Net Variance £
<b>HFORU: Homes For Ukraine</b>						
<b>Employee Costs and Grant Payments:</b> A lower level of spend than budgeted for, particularly in respect of Housing Grants and Sponsor Grants. Any unused grant has been set aside in earmarked reserves for use in 2023/24	-195,613			-195,613	195,613	0
<b>Funding received:</b> Anticipated income has largely been received as expected, although as shown above, not all of this funding has then been used in year.		-6,700		-6,700	6,700	0
<b>Total Homes for Ukraine Service</b>	<b>-195,613</b>	<b>-6,700</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-202,313</b>	<b>202,313</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>HGBEN: Housing Benefits</b>						
<b>Rent Allowance payments</b> - Rent Allowance payments were higher than budgeted for.	8,114			8,114		8,114
<b>Discretionary Housing Payments</b> – More discretionary payments made to housing benefits claimants in-year than originally budgeted for. Payments made in-year were above the Discretionary Housing Payments grant funding received from DWP.	4,153			4,153		4,153
<b>Rent Allowance Grant income</b> - More Housing Benefits subsidy grant received than budgeted for.		-25,243		-25,243		-25,243
<b>Recovery of Rent Allowance Payments:</b> Lower level of recovery than anticipated when the budget was set.		25,054		25,054		25,054
<b>Total Housing Benefits</b>	<b>12,267</b>	<b>-189</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,078</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,078</b>
<b>HOMES: Homelessness Strategy</b>						
<b>Asylum Dispersal Scheme:</b> Funding was received from the government in respect of the asylum dispersal scheme of £21,000. There was also a budget of £21,000 brought in for potential associated expenditure, however this was not needed.	-21,000			-21,000		-21,000

	Variance in Expenditure £	Variance in Income £	Variance in Support Services £	Total Variance £	Associated Earmarked Reserves Variance £	Net Variance £
<b>Tenant Satisfaction New Burdens Funding:</b> Income received in respect of new requirements around tenant satisfaction. This funding was set aside at year end to allow an assessment of the impacts of this new requirement		-2,217		-2,217	2,217	0
<b>Total Homelessness Strategy</b>	-21,000	-2,217	0	-23,217	2,217	-21,000
<b>JARMS: Joiners Arms</b>						
<b>Electricity:</b> Usage levels at the Joiners Arms have been lower than anticipated in the budget	-3,857			-3,857		-3,857
<b>Rent Income:</b> Income levels have been slightly higher than anticipated, including adjustments for arrears at the year end position. This is due to higher occupancy rates, even though Flat 2 was out of use towards the end of the year.		-1,836		-1,836		-1,836
<b>Total Joiners Arms</b>	-3,857	-1,836	0	-5,693	0	-5,693
<b>SUPPE: Supporting People</b>						
<b>Domestic Abuse Victim Support:</b> Grant funding was received and budget for in year, together with expenditure budgets in respect of work connected to the grant funding. Not all of this was funding was used resulting in the variance shown. The balance was set aside in an earmarked reserve at year end to allow the funding to be used in 2023/24 onwards.	-24,370			-24,370	24,695	325
<b>Total Supporting People</b>	-24,370	0	0	-24,370	24,695	325
<b>Subtotal</b>	-273,193	-23,145	-13,852	-310,190	270,748	-39,442
<b>Other variances</b>	-14,297	-5,830	-13,626	-33,753	3,370	-30,383
<b>Total Variances for Health and Housing Committee</b>	-287,490	-28,975	-27,478	-343,943	274,118	-69,825

## **RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE**

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meeting date: THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST 2023  
title: SUPPLEMENTARY SUBSTANCE MISUSE TREATMENT AND RECOVERY (SSMTR) GRANT  
submitted by: REA PSILLIDOU – HEAD OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & HOUSING  
principal author: RACHAEL STOTT – HOUSING STRATEGY OFFICER

### **1 PURPOSE**

1.1 To inform Committee of a Lancashire County Council grant award that will provide additional housing support for households with drug and alcohol addiction/in recovery.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives – To meet the housing needs of all sections of the Community.
- Corporate Priorities – To match the supply of homes in our area with the identified housing needs.
- Other Considerations – To better support vulnerable people to meet their housing needs.

### **2 BACKGROUND**

2.1 Lancashire County Council is responsible for commissioning drug and alcohol treatment and recovery services as part of their public health responsibilities. The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) is providing £154.3 million countrywide to upper tier and unitary authorities to improve services in line with the ambitions of the government's drug strategy. LCC have developed a plan following consultation with housing colleagues, recovery housing providers and the adult treatment system which proposes the following:

- Develop three women only supported housing projects – one each for central, east and north Lancashire.
- Develop a Lancashire wide housing 'floating support' project.
- Employ and embed 3 Housing Options workers- based within district housing teams and will to support them to address the needs of people with substance misuse issues.
- Employ a strategic housing lead.
- Deliver training and development to housing, health and treatment worker across the County.

2.2 The Supplementary Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery (SSMTR) grant, aims to provide housing support interventions that will fit with the wider treatment and recovery ambitions, and support the outcomes of the Drug Strategy.

### 3 LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (LCC) OFFER

- 3.1 As set out above LCC have developed a plan, which has been agreed with the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities for their funding allocation. The two proposals particularly relevant to Ribble Valley are:
- 3.2 **Strategic housing lead post:** This post will lead the work across the Lancashire footprint and will map the provision of 'recovery housing' across Lancashire's 12 district housing options teams.
- 3.3 Currently there are numerous 'recovery housing ' providers in Lancashire that have little contact with either housing options teams or the treatment and recovery system. Anecdotal evidence suggests that the quality of support being offered is extremely variable and both housing options teams and the treatment providers have expressed concerns about the level of support offered to vulnerable people. This post will work with local providers to map provision and then to co-produce a local set of 'standards' -a quality mark. This post will also lead on developing insight and learning from the projects delivered under this programme and will disseminate the findings to the broader health, housing, and substance use treatment system.
- 3.4 **A Housing Options Worker for each of locality in Lancashire (north, central and east).** These staff will work across district housing options teams in each locality area and be hosted by one of the district councils. Hyndburn volunteered to be the host authority for the East which was agreed. They will work closely with the new strategic lead to map local need, housing options for people with substance dependency and will work to influence lettings policy of social and private landlords. They will also assist in viability studies into the provision of alternative forms of housing including floating support, housing first initiatives, recovery housing and the needs of people returning to the community post residential detoxification and rehabilitation.
- 3.5 These new roles will be provided by LCC, and it is believed will provide useful support to the Council's Housing Team, in relation to homeless presentations that have addiction issues, such presentations can require a lot of officer time. Once the Housing Options Worker is in post for the East locality, the Housing Team will ensure that the service is fully utilised, including referring any service users that have addiction issues.

### 5 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 That Committee note the contents of the report.

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REA PSILLIDOU  
HEAD OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & HOUSING

For further information please ask for Rachael Stott, extension 3235.

REF: RS/H&H/31 AUGUST 2023

## **RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE**

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meeting date: THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST 2023  
title: HOMELESSNESS AND REFUGEE UPDATE  
submitted by: NICOLA HOPKINS – DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING  
principal author: RACHAEL STOTT – HOUSING STRATEGY OFFICER

### **1 PURPOSE**

1.1 To provide Committee with some information about the level of homelessness and refugees in the borough.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives – To meet the housing needs of all sections of the Community.
- Corporate Priorities – To match the supply of homes in our area with the identified housing needs.
- Other Considerations – None.

### **2 BACKGROUND**

2.1 Members previously requested that a standard item be included on the Committee agenda which provides the Committee with a general overview of the housing need demands in the borough. This data will be reported to Committee on a quarterly basis.

3 HOMELESS UPDATE – Quarter 1 (1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023).

3.1 Number of homeless applications taken in Quarter 1 = 26 applications.

3.2 Number of positive prevention outcomes in Quarter 1 = 4 applicants were prevented from becoming homeless.

3.3 Snapshot of number of households in temporary accommodation on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023:

- Total of 10 households including 13 children in temporary accommodation provided by RVBC.
- Total 3 single persons in B & B accommodation.

3.4 Of the households currently in temporary accommodation the longest length of stay – 9 months. This involved a family of 4.

3.5 Housing Needs Service currently have 76 active cases open. These are households that are at risk of homelessness and have approached RVBC for assistance.

3.6 Number of rough sleepers reported during this period was 2. These were 2 single males who have refused out of borough hostel accommodation.

### **3.7 HOMES FOR UKRAINE SCHEME**

Total number of guests arrived in Ribble Valley - 122

Total number currently still living with hosts - 54

Total number relocated into their own accommodation – 39

### **3.8 AFGHAN RESETTLEMENT SCHEME**

LCC have secured 2 private rent properties to provide accommodation for Afghan refugees.

## **4 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

4.1 Note the contents of the report.

RACHAEL STOTT  
HOUSING STRATEGY OFFICER

NICOLA HOPKINS  
DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.

For further information please ask for Rachael Stott, extension 3235.

REF: RS/H&H/31 August 2023

## **RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE**

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meeting date: THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST 2023  
title: GRANTS ADMINISTERED BY THE HOUSING SECTION  
submitted by: NICOLA HOPKINS – DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING  
principal author: RACHAEL STOTT – HOUSING STRATEGY OFFICER

### **1 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To provide Committee with a summary of all the different grant types that are administered by the Housing Service.
- 1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:
- Community Objectives – To address the housing needs of the borough.
  - Corporate Priorities – To match the supply of homes in our area with the identified housing needs.
  - Other Considerations – none

### **2 AVAILABLE GRANTS**

- 2.1 Details of the grants delivered by Housing Section at RVBC including eligibility and values are attached at Appendix 1.

### **4 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

- 4.1 Note the contents of Appendix 1.

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### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.

For further information please ask for Rachael Stott, extension 3235.

REF: RS/H&H/31 August 2023

<b>RVBC Grant Offer</b>	<b>Mandatory or Discretionary</b>	<b>Max Value</b>	<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<b>Grant Conditions</b>	<b>Strategic aim</b>
Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)	Mandatory	£30,000	Occupational Therapist (OT) recommendation only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main residence</li> <li>• Must remain main residence for 5 years.</li> <li>• Means tested (no means test for paediatric recommendations)</li> <li>• Grants over £10k is registered as a land charge.</li> </ul>	To enable vulnerable households to remain at home and live independently.
Top up disabled facilities grant	Discretionary	£25,000	OT recommendation only. Where mandatory DFG awarded, and costs exceed mandatory grant.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main residence</li> <li>• No means test as means tested for DFG.</li> <li>• OT recommended works exceed DFG mandatory grant.</li> <li>• Registered as land charge.</li> </ul>	To enable vulnerable households to remain at home and live independently.
Ribble Valley Adaptation Grant	Discretionary	£10,000	OT recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main residence</li> <li>• Must remain so for 5 years.</li> <li>• No means test.</li> </ul>	To enable vulnerable households to remain at home and live independently.
First Time Buyers Grant	Discretionary	£15,000 50% contribution of costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First time buyer</li> <li>• Renovation works that improve the energy efficiency of the dwelling.</li> <li>• Property A-D Council Tax banding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registered as a land charge.</li> <li>• Grant monies match funded with investment from owner;</li> <li>• Works include improvement in energy efficient</li> </ul>	<p>To improve energy efficiency of housing stock</p> <p>To assist first time buyer access home ownership</p>
Dementia grant	Discretionary	£2000	Neurological diagnosis	Dementia assessment to identify any required IT or support equipment	To enable vulnerable households to remain at home
Landlord Tenant Grant	Discretionary	£20,000	Private landlord	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 yr condition period.</li> <li>• Accept nominations from RVBC</li> <li>• Rent restricted to LHA affordable rent</li> </ul>	To increase the supply of good quality

<b>RVBC Grant Offer</b>	<b>Mandatory or Discretionary</b>	<b>Max Value</b>	<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<b>Grant Conditions</b>	<b>Strategic aim</b>
		50% contribution of costs	Property requires improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply Tenancy Protection scheme.</li> <li>• Eligible works agreed at point of grant approval .</li> </ul>	affordable rented property
Affordable Warmth	Discretionary	£4000	Boiler not working	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main residence</li> <li>• Means tested benefit.</li> <li>• Vulnerable household</li> </ul>	To improve energy efficiency of property
Home Safety Grant	Discretionary	£4000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistance to ensure the property is free from risks or hazards</li> <li>• energy efficiency measures or hard to heat properties are improved.</li> <li>• Aids available.</li> <li>• Boiler servicing</li> <li>• Boiler replacement</li> <li>• Insulation</li> </ul>	All households where adaptations are recommended by OT	<p>To ensure the property is free from hazards</p> <p>To enable vulnerable households to remain in their own property and live independently.</p>

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## Minutes of Strategic Housing Working Group

Meeting Date: Wednesday, 12 July 2023, starting at 1.00 pm  
Present: Councillor S Hirst (Chair)

Councillors:

J Atherton  
S Atkinson

R Ray

In attendance: Director of Economic Development and Planning and Strategic Housing Officer

### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the Head of Strategic Planning and Housing. Councillor Mary Robinson was not in attendance.

### 2 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY, OTHER REGISTRABLE AND NON-REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary, other registrable or non-registrable interests.

### 3 LONGRIDGE COMMUTED SUM MONIES UPDATE

Discussion took place as to the options available for the commitment of the commuted sum monies received from the land north of Dilworth Lane, Longridge.

Members were advised that the commuted sum has been paid in instalments. The first payment was made in March 2020 but there are time limits on spending the monies. The Council must spend the monies within five years of receipt.

The first option is for Ribble Valley Borough Council to partner with a registered provider (RP) and this was the option preferred by Health and Housing Committee. The Housing Strategy Officer advised that the Council had approached three RP's (Onward Homes, MSV Housing and Jigsaw Homes Group) who already have stock in Longridge. All three providers have put forward proposals. After consideration, officers believe the best option to be the proposal advanced by Onward Homes at the Alston Grange site. This is in terms of the numbers they would deliver and the type of house mix, which would include 2 bed bungalows and 3/4 bedroom properties.

Along with the commuted sum, Onward Homes would use their own monies and funds from grant schemes to build 63 additional units. Tilia Homes are already on site and they have applied for relevant planning permission. It was noted that 28 properties would be affordable due to the legal requirements of the wider site, but the remainder of the houses, which would total 63, would be also be additional affordable dwellings.

There was a discussion in relation to Onward Houses seeking for a proportion of the houses being rent to buy and weighing this up with shared ownership.

Members were informed that there is also another site on Higher Road in Longridge. This is a large site which has full planning permission but the development has yet to begin. It is understood that Onward Homes are also considering developing on this

site, as such this could be another option for the commuted sum money in terms of additionality.

Members were advised of an alternative option being for the Council to buy more affordable properties in Longridge. However, one of the challenges would be getting RP's to agree to manage them on the Council's behalf.

Members were in agreement that officers should explore further the options that have been put forward by Onward Homes, this would include investigations into both the Alston Grange and Higher Road sites.

It was noted that the working group could only give a steer on this issue and the next Health & Housing Committee isn't until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023. As such, the Director of Economic Development and Planning will speak to the Chief Executive as to whether it would be appropriate to call an Emergency Committee.

#### 4 AFFORDABLE HOUSING TOUR - OPTIONS AND DATES

It was agreed that the Affordable Housing tour should take place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 between 2pm – 6pm. Invites are to be sent to all Members of the Health & Housing Committee.

#### 5 ALLOCATION POLICY REVIEW UPDATE

The Housing Strategy Officer confirmed that, following the review, officers wish to update three key points of the Allocation Policy.

1. To include that when people are in rent arrears, they need to show clear intent to clear those arrears, and make attempts to do so if they wish to remain on the waiting list.
2. To make it clearer that if people live outside of the Borough, but they have an immediate family living in the Borough, they can apply for housing but they do not receive any preferential treatment.
3. Noting that if a person is currently serving a criminal sentence, they cannot register to go the housing waiting list.

There was further discussion on the situation when a person has previously lived in the Borough and the Council's current waiting list generally. A report can be submitted to Committee regarding waiting lists, but there would need to be input from RP's as well.

#### 6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members gave consideration to a proposed housing scheme that is in the pre-application stage and gave their views.

The Housing Strategy Officer confirmed the first delivery in Barrow of the First Homes Pilot Scheme. This is a Government backed scheme which offers a 30% discount to first time buyers.

It was further highlighted to Members that between 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 and 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 there have been 149 housing completions, of which 71 of those are affordable rent.

The meeting closed at 1.57 pm

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# Minutes of Health & Wellbeing Partnership Working Group

Meeting Date: Monday, 24 July 2023, starting at 1.00 pm  
Present: Councillor S Hirst (Chair)

Councillors:

I Brown  
R Elms

R Ray

In attendance: Director of Community Resources, Head of Leisure and Cultural Services and Head of Strategic Planning and Housing

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

## 2 INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman Councillor Stuart Hirst gave an introduction to the group, and as this was the first meeting with new members, introduced the Officer and Members present.

Nicola Hopkins was unable to attend therefore Adam Allen, Director of Community Services was in attendance.

## 3 CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND

Mark Beveridge spoke about the work of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership in the past, and explained that due to the Covid pandemic the previous Partnership had not met as often as wished. Post pandemic the Health and Wellbeing Partnership now needed to be re-established and move forward.

Adam Allen provided context at a Lancashire level. The NHS and Lancashire County Council were developing a Place Based Approach to Health and Wellbeing and wished to engage and work with District Councils in developing Health and Wellbeing partnerships for each District. This work was in its early stages and was being led by Louise Taylor, Director of Adults at Lancashire County Council in a joint role with the NHS.

It was agreed that the working group would not be the partnership but would play a key role in establishing its membership and priorities. Officers planned to take the key points raised by members of the group and work with partners to further develop the partnership.

Other than developing the partnership, it was considered important that the working group focus on issues and projects that could be delivered and which had a genuine impact locally. It was noted that Health is a very complicated landscape and the group recognised that we should have a voice in designing local NHS delivery, but the greatest impact would come from focusing locally on maximising activities to promote good health and wellbeing.

The group wished to see current health statistics for Ribble Valley and Adam Allen agreed to invite Jackie Moran (NHS) to the next meeting to share relevant data with the group.

Mark Beveridge explained that the Council was part of the Together an Active Future (TaAF) Pennine Lancashire project. The Council's Tracy Balko led Together an Active Ribble Valley, and an action plan was in place to 2025. An overview was provided of other activities delivered by the Council to improve Health.

Key health issues for Ribble Valley were discussed and the group considered the focus for future work should include mental health, rural isolation, making connections, and supporting all groups delivering health improvement activity. There were ongoing active villages projects, and partnerships with LCC for healthy weight and falls prevention. Within the Ribble Valley there were also a number of independent Community Groups, such as walking groups, and sporting organisations such as football clubs. Understanding all the activity delivered is vital for the working group in shaping future support and attracting external funding.

Adam also noted that Health and Wellbeing was a wide topic which linked to other areas in the Council such as Planning, Environmental Health, and Housing. Adam gave an overview of health plans at other District authorities which primarily set out what the District Council could do to affect health, and focused on community delivery by bringing together groups and organisations.

Rachael Ray noted that there was an organisation called Ribble Valley Health and Wellbeing and suggested they were included in the partnership.

There was discussion around some known issues affecting residents. Rosie Elms highlighted problems with getting carers to rural residents that were unable to travel. Ian Brown noted there were services that should be delivered locally at the Health Centre or Hospital that residents were now having to travel to access.

#### 4 PURPOSE OF THE WORKING GROUP

It was proposed that the working group:

1. Establish the priorities for the Health and Wellbeing Partnership – Stuart Hirst suggested that a report be brought to the next meeting with suggestions for the group to consider based on the discussions and views of group members. There was discussion around facilitating, co-ordinating and supporting projects, as a lot of good work was already being done but needed joining up and promoting.
2. Consider the Council's representation on the Health and Wellbeing Partnership – Members of the group put forward were Stuart Hirst, Rachel Ray and Ian Brown.
3. Consider other areas of work that could take place alongside the partnership – Rosie Elms suggested asking GP practices for input. It was noted that a list of existing Community Groups was required and the activities carried out. Officers would make contact with the Primary care Network to engage GP's.

#### 5 NEXT STEPS

It was agreed that Officers would put together a draft proposal for the group which would meet again in one month to discuss the proposal.

The meeting closed at 1.45 pm

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## REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES

COUNCILLOR TONY AUSTIN

### HEALTH AND ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

I attended the above L.C.C. Committee at County Hall on 12<sup>th</sup>. July, to represent RVBC. The full minutes are publicly available on the web-site.

The main item was the update on the new hospitals programme. Jerry Hawker, Director of Transformation for the NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board (LSCICB) reported that the recent Government £20B statement on new hospitals had included two new hospitals to replace the Royal Preston Hospital and the Royal Lancaster Infirmary. The Committee expressed great pleasure at the decision and asked questions for over an hour.

Further work is now underway to assess potential locations for 50-acre sites and to develop the business case. It is intended that the highest modern standards will be included in the design, which will be for 100% single rooms, to support infection control. Clinicians would decide where specialities would be distributed and how these would interface better with community health services and local G.Ps. Both hospital construction and operation would be net zero carbon. In answer to my question, it was confirmed that a working group would be looking at the public transport implications of the various potential sites.

Lord Markham, a Health Minister, will be informally meeting the Scrutiny Committee at Preston later in August, to discuss the proposals .

Dr. Levy, the Chief Medical Director for LSCICB, also gave the meeting an update on Virtual Wards. Currently, there are 393 virtual beds available across 15 virtual wards. Development of this function enables better utilisation on beds in 'real' hospital wards. The facility mainly involves the treatment of discharged patients in their own homes and uses a sophisticated App called Docebo , to enable detailed monitoring of these people remotely by medical staff.

The Committee also had a presentation on Integrated Neighbourhood Teams for better joined-up working by professionals outside hospitals in the community. Finally the Committee was presented with a proposed plan of work for the Council Year '23/'24, including about 30 different topics, some of which would be handled by a Steering Group. Concern was expressed at the multiplicity of work to be handled in only 6 more Scrutiny meetings.

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